

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
BALTIMORE, on behalf of itself and all  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.  
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TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS  
INDUSTRIES LTD., TEVA  
PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.,  
TEVA NEUROSCIENCE, INC., and  
TEVA SALES & MARKETING,  
INC.,

Defendants.

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

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Plaintiff, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (“Plaintiff” or “City of Baltimore”), brings this action on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, against Defendants Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. (“Teva Ltd.”), Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Teva USA”), Teva Neuroscience, Inc. (“Teva Neuro”), and Teva Sales & Marketing, Inc. (“Teva S&M”) (collectively “Teva” or “Defendants”). These allegations are based on publicly available materials, investigation of counsel and knowledge, information, and belief.

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. This case arises out of Teva’s anticompetitive scheme to unlawfully thwart generic competition in the United States and its territories for its prescription drug Copaxone. The active ingredient in Copaxone is glatiramer acetate (“GA”), and it is an injectable medication approved for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (“MS”), including for the reduction of the frequency of relapses in relapsing-remitting MS (“RRMS”). Copaxone is Teva’s best-selling product, generating more than \$30 billion in revenue in the United States, including \$3.5 billion in 2016 alone.

2. Since Teva began selling Copaxone in 1997, it has been able to raise the price uninhibited for decades. The annual cost of Copaxone has skyrocketed from less than \$10,000 for a yearly course in 1997 to nearly \$70,000 per year in 2020.

3. Following a multi-pronged strategy to delay generic competition, including through litigation and shifting the market from its 20 mg product to a 40 mg product, Teva continued its scheme both before and after Mylan Pharmaceuticals and Sandoz introduced a generic version of Copaxone 40 mg by employing multiple tactics to prevent the uptake of generic versions of Copaxone.

4. First, Teva duped health plans with an anticompetitive consumer copay “coupon” scheme that circumvented plan members’ cost-sharing obligations and helped artificially increase and protect brand Copaxone’s high prices.

5. Then, as part of a scheme to foreclose uptake of generic Copaxone, Teva entered into multi-pronged “House Brand” agreements with intermediaries, including PBMs and PBM-owned specialty pharmacies, to block generics by (i) refusing to pay any rebates to the PBMs unless generic Copaxone was excluded from formularies, and (ii) reaching agreements with PBM-owned specialty pharmacies to dispense branded Copaxone even if a prescription was written specifically for generic Copaxone. At the same time, Teva engaged in a misinformation campaign, widely spreading false and misleading statements to convince prescribers and patients that generic Copaxone was inferior to Copaxone and/or that generic Copaxone manufacturers did not offer copay assistance and training and support services. These false marketing statements convinced a substantial percentage of healthcare providers to write “DAW” prescriptions, circumventing automatic substitution laws and ensuring that they would be filled only with branded Copaxone even though less expensive generic alternatives were available.

6. Absent the Defendants’ unlawful conduct, generic manufacturers of Copaxone would have been able to fairly compete with Teva in a full and timely manner, and Plaintiff and Class members, which includes “third-party payors” such as health insurers and self-funded health plans, would have substituted lower-priced generic Copaxone for nearly all of their Copaxone purchases and paid lower prices for their branded Copaxone purchases. Plaintiff and Class members would have purchased lower-priced Copaxone in substantially larger quantities. Instead, the Defendants’ unlawful conduct allowed Teva to reap substantial amounts in ill-gotten gains and prevented uptake of the 40mg generic GA versions which has cost Plaintiff and Class members

hundreds of millions of dollars in overcharge damages. Plaintiff and the proposed class seek to recover damages, including treble damages, under the state antitrust and consumer protection laws enumerated below and declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26.

## **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because this is a class action involving common questions of law or fact in which the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, there are more than one hundred members of the class, and at least one member of the putative class is a citizen of a state different from that of one of the Defendants.

8. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332(d), and 1337(a).

9. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

10. The Court also has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to § 2 of the Sherman Act and §§ 4 and 16 of the Clayton Act.

11. The Defendants transact business within this District and/or have agents in and/or can be found in this District.

12. Venue is appropriate within this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

13. Venue is also appropriate within this District under § 12 of the Clayton Act.<sup>1</sup>

14. The Court has personal jurisdiction over each of the Defendants. The Defendants have transacted business, maintained substantial contacts, and/or committed overt acts in

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 22.

furtherance of the illegal scheme throughout the United States, including in this District. The scheme has been directed at, and has had the intended effect of causing injury to individuals and companies residing in or doing business throughout the United States, including in this District.

### **III. THE PARTIES**

15. Plaintiff, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, is a municipality located in Baltimore, Maryland. During the Class Period, as defined below, the City of Baltimore purchased, paid, and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price of Copaxone and its AP-rated generic equivalent for personal and/or household use from pharmacies located in and/or on behalf of members located in at least the following states: Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

16. Defendant Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. (“Teva Ltd.”) is an Israeli corporation with a principal place of business at 5 Basel St., Petach Tikva, Israel 4951033. Teva Ltd. owns subsidiaries, including Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Teva Neuroscience, Inc. and Teva Sales & Marketing, Inc., which do business in the United States. Teva Ltd. has promoted itself as the largest seller of generic drugs in the United States with billions of dollars in revenue. But for Teva Ltd.’s subsidiaries, Teva USA, Teva Neuro and Teva S&M, Teva Ltd. itself would need to act directly in order to achieve its goals marketing pharmaceuticals in this District and all other states.

17. Defendant Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Teva USA”) is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 400 Interpace Parkway, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Teva USA is a subsidiary of Teva Ltd.

18. Defendant Teva Neuroscience, Inc. (“Teva Neuro”) is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 11100 Nall Ave., Overland Park, Kansas, 66211. Teva Neuro is a subsidiary of Teva Ltd.

19. Defendant Teva Sales & Marketing, Inc. (“Teva S&M”) is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 11100 Nall Ave., Overland Park, Kansas, 66211. Teva S&M is a subsidiary of Teva Ltd.

20. The Defendants’ wrongful actions described in this complaint are part of and were taken in furtherance of the illegal monopolization scheme and restraint of trade alleged herein. These actions were authorized, ordered, and/or undertaken by the Defendants’ various officers, agents, employees, or other representatives while actively engaged in the management of the Defendants’ affairs within the course and scope of their duties and employment and with their actual, apparent, or ostensible authority.

#### IV. INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

**A. The Hatch-Waxman Amendments provide for the approval of generic drugs that are bioequivalent to, and thus perfect therapeutic substitutes for, their brand drug counterparts.**

21. Under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act (“FDCA”), drug companies that wish to sell a new drug product must file a New Drug Application (“NDA”) with the FDA. An NDA submission must include specific data concerning the safety and effectiveness of the drug, including information from at least two clinical trials.

22. An NDA applicant must also submit to the FDA information about each patent that purportedly covers the drug product, including methods of using the drug product, described in the NDA and for which “a claim of patent infringement could reasonably be asserted if a person not licensed by the owner engaged in the manufacture, use, or sale of the drug.”<sup>2</sup> The FDA then publishes this information in a digest titled *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Ratings*, known as the Orange Book.

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<sup>2</sup> 21 U.S.C. § 355(b)(1), (c)(2).



23. The Hatch-Waxman Amendments, enacted in 1984, simplified regulatory hurdles for prospective generic manufacturers by eliminating the need for them to file lengthy and costly NDAs.<sup>3</sup> A manufacturer seeking approval to sell a generic version of a brand drug may instead file an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”). An ANDA relies on the scientific findings of safety and effectiveness included in the brand manufacturer’s original NDA and must show that the generic contains the same active ingredient(s), dosage form, route of administration, and strength as the brand drug and that it is bioequivalent, *i.e.*, absorbed at the same rate and to the same extent as the brand.

24. The FDCA and Hatch-Waxman Amendments operate on the principle that bioequivalent drug products containing identical amounts of the same active ingredients, having the same route of administration and dosage form, and meeting applicable standards of strength, quality, purity, and identity are therapeutically equivalent and may be substituted for one another. Bioequivalence demonstrates that the active ingredient of the proposed generic would be present in the blood of a patient to the same extent and for the same amount of time as the brand counterpart.<sup>4</sup>

25. Accordingly, when the FDA approves the sale of a generic drug under the Hatch-Waxman Amendments, it assigns that drug a therapeutic equivalence code. A generic drug which is “AP-rated” is bioequivalent to, and is thus a perfect substitute for, its brand drug counterpart.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, Pub. L. No. 98-417, 98 Stat. 1585 (1984) (codified as amended at 21 U.S.C. § 355).

<sup>4</sup> 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(8)(B).

<sup>5</sup> The therapeutic equivalence code for an A-rated drug includes a second letter which generally provides information about the dosage form of the drug. For example, here Mylan’s GA products are “AP-rated” which means they are A-rated drugs (A-) in the form of “aqueous injectable solutions” (-P).

**1. Congress relies on generic drugs to reduce healthcare expenses.**

26. Through the Hatch-Waxman Amendments, Congress sought to expedite the entry of less expensive generic competitors to brand drugs, thereby reducing healthcare expenses nationwide. Congress also sought to protect pharmaceutical manufacturers' incentives to create new and innovative products.

27. The Hatch-Waxman Amendments achieved both goals, advancing substantially the rate of generic product launches and ushering in an era of historically high profit margins for brand pharmaceutical manufacturers. In 1983, before the Hatch-Waxman Amendments, only 35% of the top-selling drugs with expired patents had generic alternatives; by 1998, nearly all did. In 1984, prescription drug revenues for brands and generics totaled \$21.6 billion; by 2013, total prescription drug revenues had climbed to more than \$329.2 billion, with generics accounting for 86% of prescriptions. Generics are dispensed about 95% of the time when a generic form is available.

28. Because generic versions of branded drugs contain the same active ingredients and are determined by the FDA to be just as safe and effective as their branded counterparts, the only material differences between generic drugs and their branded counterparts are their prices and manufacturers. Because generic versions of branded products are commodities that cannot be differentiated, the primary basis for generic competition is price.

29. Typically, generics are at least 25% less expensive than their branded counterparts when there is a single generic competitor. They are 50% to 80% (or more) less expensive when there are multiple generic competitors on the market for a given brand. Consequently, the launch of a bioequivalent generic drug usually results in significant cost savings to all drug purchasers.

30. Once a generic comes to market, it quickly captures sales of the corresponding brand drug, often 80% or more of the market, within the first six months after entry. In one study, the FTC found that on average, within a year of generic entry, generics had captured 90% of

corresponding brand sales and (with multiple generics on the market) prices had dropped 85%. As a result, competition from generics is viewed by brand manufacturers as a grave threat to their bottom lines.

31. Until the generic version of a brand drug enters the market, there is no bioequivalent generic to substitute for, and thus compete with, the branded drug, so the brand drug manufacturer can continue to profitably charge supra-competitive prices. As a result, brand drug manufacturers, well aware of the rapid erosion of branded drug sales by generic drugs, have a strong incentive to delay the start of generic drug competition into the market. And once a generic drug enters the market, brand drug manufacturers have strong incentives to prevent their adoption. Both delay of generic entry and prevention of uptake of generic versions are achievable by brand drug manufacturers willing to engage in illegal conduct to exploit the unique structure of the pharmaceutical marketplace.

**2. Brand drug manufacturers can delay potential generic competitors through litigation.**

32. Under the Hatch-Waxman Amendments, if patents submitted with the brand drug manufacturer's original NDA and listed in the Orange Book have not yet expired, a generic manufacturer may certify as part of their ANDA that those patents are invalid or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, or sale of the new drug for which the application is submitted.<sup>6</sup> This certification is commonly known as a Paragraph IV or "P.IV" certification.

33. If a generic manufacturer files an ANDA containing a P.IV certification, a brand manufacturer can delay FDA approval of the ANDA simply by suing the ANDA applicant for patent infringement.

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<sup>6</sup> 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV); *see also* 21 C.F.R. § 314.94(a)(12)(i)(A).

34. If the brand manufacturer initiates a patent infringement action against the generic filer within 45 days of receiving notification of a P.IV certification, the FDA generally will not grant final approval on that ANDA until the earlier of (i) the passage of 30 months, or (ii) the issuance of a decision by a court that the patent is invalid or not infringed by the generic manufacturer's ANDA.<sup>7</sup> This period is commonly referred to as the "30-month stay."

35. Until the court issues a decision finding the patent invalid or not infringed or until 30 months has passed, the FDA may grant "tentative approval" to the ANDA filer, recognizing that the ANDA is approvable, but cannot grant final approval, which would allow the generic manufacturer to market its product.

**3. Brand drug manufacturers can prevent pharmacies from automatically substituting generic drugs for their brand counterparts.**

36. The marketplace for the sale of prescription pharmaceutical products in the United States is unique. In most industries, the person who pays for a product is also the person who chooses the product. When the same person has both the payment obligation and the choice of products, the price of the product plays a predominant role in the choice of products. Consequently, manufacturers have a strong incentive to lower the price of their products to maintain profitability.

37. The pharmaceutical marketplace, in contrast, is characterized by a "disconnect" between the payment obligation and the product selection. State laws prohibit pharmacists from dispensing certain drugs to patients unless they can present a prescription written by their physician. This prohibition introduces an anomaly into the pharmaceutical marketplace between the payment obligation and the product selection. The patient (and in most cases his or her insurer)

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<sup>7</sup> 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(B)(iii).

has the obligation to pay for the pharmaceutical product, but his or her doctor chooses which product the patient will buy.

38. In 1984, Congress sought to ameliorate the “disconnect” by authorizing the manufacture and sale of generic pharmaceuticals under the Hatch-Waxman Amendments. Since the passage of the Hatch-Waxman Amendments, every state has adopted drug “automatic substitution” laws that either require or permit pharmacies to substitute A-rated generic equivalents for brand prescriptions.<sup>8</sup> In this way, price reenters the product selection decision at the pharmacy counter, lessening the pharmaceutical marketplace “disconnect.”

39. Brand drug manufacturers can evade these automatic substitution laws in several ways. First, brand manufacturers can engage in litigation or FDA petitioning tactics to slow or prevent generic approval.

40. Second, brand drug manufacturers can prevent automatic substitutions by instead marketing slightly different versions of their drugs for which there are not yet any A-rated generics; pharmacists cannot choose to substitute generics of the previous version.

41. Third, most automatic substitution laws also include a “dispense as written” or “DAW” exception that allows physicians to explicitly prohibit pharmacies from substituting AP-rated generic drugs for their brand drug equivalents.<sup>9</sup> By leveraging their dominant incumbent position and encouraging doctors to use DAW scripts to prescribe only brand drugs, a brand drug manufacturer can thus remove the pharmacist’s ability to substitute generic drugs for their brand drug counterparts, remove price from product selection, and preserve the marketplace “disconnect” that enables the brand drug manufacturer’s supracompetitive pricing.

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<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., N.J. Stat. Ann. § 24:6E-7.

<sup>9</sup> See *id.*

42. Fourth, brand manufacturers may engage in anticompetitive contracting strategies meant to manipulate drug coverage or placement on formularies (i.e., the lists of “covered” drugs maintained by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (“PBMs”) and third-party payors), placement that would otherwise encourage the use of cheaper generic versions of the drug and insulate the brand drug from generic competition.

**4. Brand drug manufacturers can limit access to generic drugs by excluding them from insurance coverage formularies.**

43. A PBM is an intermediary in the pharmaceutical supply chain that manages prescription drug benefits on behalf of their third-party payor health plan clients.

44. As their name implies, PBMs sell pharmacy benefit management services to their clients—typically entities like health insurance companies, self-funded health plans, and the government. Theoretically, PBMs leverage the collective purchasing power of those clients to extract lower drug prices from drug manufacturers and lower distribution costs from pharmacies.

45. PBMs manage pharmacy benefits by developing lists of covered prescription drugs, also known as formularies, on behalf of health insurers. Because these lists determine which drugs are covered by insurance plans, formulary placement largely determines which drugs covered individuals have access to. If a drug is not on the formulary, the health plan generally will not cover it, and the patient who is prescribed that drug must pay the entire cost out-of-pocket.

46. PBMs do not themselves buy prescription drugs from drug manufacturers. Instead, they negotiate “rebates” from drug manufacturers who want their products included on the PBM’s formulary. Put another way, drug manufacturers pay PBMs to include their products on the formulary. PBMs then provide a portion of these rebates to their clients and give drug manufacturers access to their clients’ covered members.

47. Similarly, PBMs do not themselves sell prescription drugs to pharmacies. Instead, pharmacies buy their drugs from wholesalers, then turn to the PBM's client for reimbursement after providing those drugs to an individual covered by the PBM's client—the health plan.

48. While drug manufacturers pay PBMs rebates to include their products on formularies, some manufacturers have begun to condition those rebates on *excluding* competing drugs from the formulary or offering more favorable placement to the brand over the competing generic version.

49. The PBM market is extremely concentrated. The three largest PBMs—OptumRx, CVS Caremark, and Express Scripts—control almost 80% of the market for PBM services. This level of concentration means that by paying only a few different PBMs for formulary exclusivity, a drug manufacturer with monopoly power can foreclose a generic competitor from huge swaths of the market.

50. Moreover, certain PBMs own or are affiliated with specialty pharmacies and require plan members to fill their specialty prescription needs at that particular pharmacy. As illustrated below, five of the six largest PBMs, including the three largest, are vertically integrated with other health services providers, including specialty pharmacies. So, as an example, upon information and belief, members of Express Scripts' plans are required to purchase their specialty pharmacy drugs, including Copaxone, from Accredo, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Express Scripts.

## Vertical Business Relationships Among Insurers, PBMs, Specialty Pharmacies, and Providers, 2021



1. Cigna partners with providers via its Cigna Collaborative Care program. However, Cigna does not directly own healthcare providers.

2. AllianceRx Walgreens Prime is jointly owned by Prime Therapeutics and Walgreens Boots Alliance.

3. Since 2020, Prime sources formulary rebates via Ascent Health Services. In 2021, Humana began sourcing formulary rebates via Ascent Health Services for its commercial plans.

Source: Drug Channels Institute research; Companies are listed alphabetically by insurer name.

This chart appears as Exhibit 210 in *The 2021 Economic Report on U.S. Pharmacies and Pharmacy Benefit Managers*. Available at <http://drugch.nl/pharmacy>



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**B. The BPCIA provides for the approval of biological products which are biosimilar to, but not substitutes for, their reference biological product.**

51. Under the Public Health Service Act (PHSA), as amended by the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 (BPCIA)<sup>10</sup>, the FDA also regulates biological products, also known as “biologics.”

52. In some ways the regulatory process for biologics is similar to that for pharmaceutical drugs. Under the BPCIA, a biologic manufacturer may seek approval for sale of their product by demonstrating biosimilarity or interchangeability with an already-approved biologic.

53. However, biological products are distinct from pharmaceutical drugs regulated under the FDCA and Hatch-Waxman Amendments, and biosimilarity is distinct from bioequivalence.

<sup>10</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 262(k)(2).



54. An A-rated generic drug is bioequivalent to, and thus can be substituted for, its brand drug reference. Indeed, as described above, some states require pharmacists to substitute A-rated generics in for their brand drug counterparts. By contrast, although one biologic may be approved because it is biosimilar to another reference product, biosimilars cannot generally be substituted for their reference product “without the intervention of the health care provider who prescribed the reference product.”<sup>11</sup>

55. Biosimilars can only be substituted for their reference product without the intervention of the health provider if, after additional testing, the FDA also determines that they are “interchangeable.” However, although it has been over a decade since the BPCIA was enacted, only two biosimilars have been determined to be interchangeable with their reference biologic.

## **V. BACKGROUND FACTS**

### **A. COPAXONE**

56. On December 20, 1996, FDA approved Teva’s NDA No. 20-622 for glatiramer acetate therapy – 20mg/mL (“20mg”) daily – an injectable drug to treat patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (“MS”), including relapsing remitting MS (“RRMS”). Copaxone is a medication for MS which helps reduce relapses; it does not cure MS. Therefore, patients typically take Copaxone for many years. Teva began marketing 20mg Copaxone in March 1997.

57. Given its characteristics as a specialty injectable drug, Copaxone is commonly dispensed through specialty pharmacies.

58. Teva’s market exclusivity for Copaxone 20mg ended in May 2014.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> 42. U.S.C. § 262(i)(3).

<sup>12</sup> The patents covering Copaxone 20mg were U.S. Patents Nos. 5,981,589; 6,054,430; 6,342,476; 6,362,161; 6,620,847; 6,939,539; and 7,199,098, all of which are listed in the Orange Book for Copaxone® 20mg and two process patents, 5,800,808 and 6,048,898.

59. Copaxone is a blockbuster drug for Teva, yielding billions in annual U.S. sales, and representing as much as 21% of Teva's global revenue (and half of its profit) in 2014<sup>13</sup> and 19% of Teva's global revenue in 2017.

60. Teva's Form 10-K for the end of fiscal year December 31, 2017 identified Copaxone as its "most significant single contributor to revenues and profits."<sup>14</sup> As a result, Teva has had a significant incentive to delay and thwart the uptake of generic GA, given that such entry would, absent Teva's unlawful conduct, eviscerate brand sales and, correspondingly, its revenue.

61. Fearing the loss of Copaxone 20mg exclusivity and the concomitant dramatic drop in revenue that would result from generic competition, Teva turned to a series of strategies to prolong its monopoly on Copaxone before its 20mg formulation patents expired.

**B. Teva Employed an Entire Playbook of Anticompetitive Tactics to Thwart Generic Competition for Copaxone.**

62. Notwithstanding that Teva is the world's largest manufacturer of generic drugs, in this case, it manufactures a brand product and called upon all of its experience on the generic side of the market to derail other generic manufacturers' efforts to enter the glatiramer acetate market. Teva engineered a product "hop" from one non-patent covered product to another patent-covered product to move patients from the drug that was vulnerable to generic competition to the drug that had additional patent protection, thus decimating the prescription base for competing Copaxone generics. Teva also filed serial citizen petitions with FDA to delay FDA review of generic GA ANDAs and lodged multiple infringement lawsuits against ANDA filers for generic glatiramer acetate formulations. And Teva implemented an anticompetitive copay couponing program and an

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<sup>13</sup> Andrew Pollack, *Generic Version of Copaxone, Multiple Sclerosis Drug, Is Approved*, The New York Times (April 16, 2015), <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/17/business/generic-version-of-copaxone-multiple-sclerosis-drug-is-approved.html>.

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/818686/000119312518039076/d529462d10k.htm>.

illegal kickback scheme, both of which further allowed it to maintain its inflated prices for Copaxone and suppress uptake of generic GA.

63. Before *and after* Sandoz launched a generic 20mg formulation in 2015 and Mylan launched generic 20mg and 40mg formulations in 2017, Teva aggressively sought to foreclose all avenues of generic competition to Teva's Copaxone and to perpetuate its monopoly through anticompetitive means. Teva ran a behind-the-scenes campaign designed to manipulate doctors, PBMs, and patients to continue purchasing its more expensive Copaxone. As one district court observed in 2020, from the time that Teva first obtained FDA's approval to market Copaxone in the United States in 1996, "Teva has pursued every available avenue to prevent other glatiramer acetate products from coming to market."<sup>15</sup>

64. Simply stated, the long history of Teva's drug Copaxone is punctuated with attempt after attempt by Teva to snuff out generic competition. Teva's illicit acts have caused, and continue to cause, purchasers to pay higher prices and have barred some purchasers from obtaining generic versions of glatiramer acetate entirely. In order to stifle and block the onset of generic competition and continue reaping hundreds of millions of dollars annually from its Copaxone sales, Teva embarked on a multifaceted scheme to foreclose or severely dilute generic entry. One analyst put it succinctly: "It's not just that Teva doesn't want the FDA to approve generics of its MS star, Copaxone. It really, really, really does not want the FDA to approve them."<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> *Teva Pharm. USA, Inc. v. FDA*, Civil Action No. 20-808 (BAH), 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 245082, at \*23 (D.D.C. Dec. 31, 2020).

<sup>16</sup> Carly Hefland, *Teva takes another swing at generic Copaxone with new FDA petition*, FiercePharma (Apr. 2, 2015), <https://www.fiercepharma.com/sales-and-marketing/teva-takes-another-swing-at-generic-copaxone-new-fda-petition>.

**1. Teva Raises Prices Aggressively.**

65. Since first marketing Copaxone in 1997, Teva has increased the price of the drug at least 27 *times*. In 1997, Copaxone was priced at \$10,000 for an annual course of treatment. In 2020, an annual course of treatment cost nearly \$70,000.

66. In fact, a September 2020 report by the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the United States House of Representatives (“House Report”), titled “Drug Pricing Investigation: Teva-Copaxone,” found that “[e]ven Teva’s own employees could not afford Copaxone at its price.”<sup>17</sup> The exchange was captured in a Teva document, in which the employee lamented that she could no longer afford Copaxone, which would cost her \$1,673.33 out of pocket, while Mylan’s generic GA would only cost her \$12 out of pocket.

67. The prices Teva charges for Copaxone in the United States is far higher than the prices it charges for the same product in other countries. For example, in 2015, the net price of Copaxone 40mg/ml was \$126 per day in the United States. In sharp contrast, the exact same dosage was only \$33 in Germany, \$26 in Spain, \$25 in the United Kingdom, and \$18 in Russia.

68. According to the House Report, Teva’s internal data demonstrates that its price increases cannot be explained by rebates, discounts, or other fees paid to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) or other entities in the pharmacy distribution chain. Indeed, Teva’s net revenue (after such rebates and discounts) increased from 2009 to 2017.

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<sup>17</sup> COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DRUG PRICING INVESTIGATION: TEVA-COPAXONE, (2020), <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Teva%20Staff%20Report%2009-30-2020.pdf> (“House Report”), and the accompanying document packet (“House Teva Report Document Packet”) is available at COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DRUG PRICING INVESTIGATION: TEVA-COPAXONE, (2020), <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Document%20Packet%20Teva%2009-30-2020.pdf>.

69. The House Oversight Committee also found that “Teva invested only a small portion of its Copaxone revenue in further research and development to help Copaxone patients.” It invested only \$689 million in Copaxone related research and development since 1987, which is only 2% of the \$34.2 billion in net U.S. revenue it has generated from Copaxone between 2002 and 2019.

70. Plaintiffs and members of the Class have borne the brunt of Teva’s price increases, paying excessive amounts for their Copaxone – a critical MS medication.

**2. Teva Engineers a Product Hop to Preemptively Blunt Generic Competition and Aggressively Migrates Consumers to Its 40mg Product.**

71. To prepare for entry of generic versions of Copaxone into the market, Teva decided on a product switch strategy to prevent generic substitution for its 20mg Copaxone product. Teva sought to switch the market from its once-daily 20mg Copaxone to a 40mg version that was a larger dose taken three times weekly. To this end, Teva supplemented its NDA in 2013. FDA approved the 40mg version on January 28, 2014, and Teva launched it in the U.S. immediately.

72. Teva knew this tactic would prevent pharmacists from substituting generic version of 20mg GA when patients brought in prescriptions for 40mg Copaxone.

73. The House Report described Teva’s price increase of its predecessor product and its ostensible patient transfer strategy as part of Teva’s product hop strategy:

In 2014, Teva introduced a 40 mg/ml formulation of Copaxone in part to extend its monopoly pricing for Copaxone by shifting patients to that formulation—which still enjoyed market exclusivity—before the 20 mg/ml formulation began facing lower-priced generic competition. To push patients to the 40 mg/ml formulation of Copaxone, Teva increased the price of the 20 mg/ml formulation. To press patients to make the move, Teva explored a plan to “Discontinue 20mg Financial Programs (Patient Services),” its financial assistance program for patients. Teva’s strategy was successful in maintaining its profits and limiting competition. Experts

estimate that the strategy cost the U.S. health care system between \$4.3 and \$6.5 billion in excess spending.<sup>18</sup>

74. The House Report reveals that Teva’s objective in introducing the 40mg version was as a “generic defense strategy.”<sup>19</sup> As Teva put it, “our business strategy for Copaxone® relies heavily on the successful introduction of a three-times-a week product and the migration of a substantial percentage of current daily Copaxone® patients to this new version. The failure to achieve our objectives for the new version would likely have a material adverse effect on our financial results and cash flow.”<sup>20</sup>

75. Indeed, Teva knew there was “no supporting data for the selected dose or dosing regimen.” In fact, Teva refrained from developing a once per week 40mg formulation (which would have been more convenient than a three-times-weekly dose) for fear that it would not serve its purpose of blocking generic conversion – i.e., patients might opt to take two doses of cheaper 20mg generic GA once per week rather than Teva’s expensive 40mg product.<sup>21</sup>

76. As Teva struggled to find a viable clinical justification for the three-times-a-week dosing regimen, many of Teva’s own scientists opposed the decision to pursue this dosing frequency: one scientist wrote that Teva’s Innovative Research and Development management was “strongly against” Teva’s study into the less-frequent dosing of Copaxone “since it has no scientific rationale/value.” Despite the lack of a scientific rationale, Teva recognized that “such a study has its business value.”<sup>22</sup> In other words, Teva’s effort to shift the market from 20mg

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<sup>18</sup> House Report.

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

<sup>20</sup> *Id.*

<sup>21</sup> *Id.*

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*

Copaxone to the 40mg formulation was pretextual and implemented solely as another barrier to generic GA competition.

77. Sandoz 20mg launched its generic GA product on June 15, 2015.<sup>23</sup> But by that time, Teva had shifted a vast number of its U.S. Copaxone users to its 40mg formulations. Sandoz's generic entry into the market with its 20mg formulation thus had little effect because, as FDA itself has stated, Teva had, by that time, "vigorously convert[ed]" patients to Teva's 40mg formulation."

78. Teva subsequently announced in its second-quarter 2016 earnings call, that it had succeeded in migrating 83% of U.S. Copaxone users to its 40mg dose.<sup>24</sup>

79. By shifting patients from the 20mg to the 40mg Copaxone formulation, Teva maintained more than \$3 billion in annual net revenue from 2015 to 2017, despite competition from Sandoz's 20mg generic GA beginning in mid-2015 and Mylan's 20mg and 40mg generic GA in late-2017.<sup>25</sup>

### **3. Teva Files Eight Citizen Petitions to Forestall Generic Competition; FDA Approves Sandoz's 20mg ANDA and, Subsequently, Mylan's 20 and 40mg ANDA.**

80. Teva also concurrently filed a total of eight citizen petitions between September 2008 and April 2015.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/nda/2015/090218Orig1s000.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2015/090218Orig1s000.pdf) (Sandoz FDA Approval Package).

<sup>24</sup> Jonathan Gardner, "*Teva Holds Cracking Door on Copaxone Generics*," Evaluate Vantage (Aug. 25, 2016), <https://www.evaluate.com/vantage/articles/news/teva-holds-cracking-door-copaxone-generics>.

<sup>25</sup> House Report.

<sup>26</sup> Docket No. FDA-2008-P-0529, received on September 26, 2008, and responded to on March 25, 2009 (First Petition); Docket No. FDA-2009-P-0555, received on November 13, 2009, and responded to on May 11, 2010 (including Teva's comment thereto submitted on May 10, 2010) (Second Petition); Docket No. FDA-2010-P-0642, received on December 10, 2010, and responded to on June 8, 2011 (including the supplement thereto submitted on February 22, 2011)

81. In the petitions, all of which were incorporated into the Eighth Petition by reference, Teva requested that FDA “consider new scientific information and refrain from approving any abbreviated new drug application until certain conditions are met.”<sup>27</sup>

82. FDA eventually denied Teva’s requested relief in its citizen petitions, concluding that none of the information Teva argued was required for generic Copaxone ANDA approval was in fact required.<sup>28</sup> FDA found that the experiments and data submitted by Teva “did not provide useful information relevant to the issue of the approvability of an ANDA referencing Copaxone.”

83. The same day that FDA denied the citizen petitions, on April 16, 2015, FDA approved Sandoz’s ANDA 090218 for a generic formulation of generic GA 20mg (marketed as Glatopa®). But, as noted above, Teva had already shifted the market to its 40mg Copaxone, thereby maintaining billions of dollars in sales at the expense of Plaintiff and member of the class.

#### **4. Teva Loses Its Bid to Use Its Five Patents to Protect 20mg Brand Copaxone from Generic Competition.**

84. Teva listed five patents in the Orange Book to cover its 40mg Copaxone product, all of which were due to expire in August 2030.<sup>29</sup>

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(Third Petition); Docket No. FDA-2012-P-0555, received on June 4, 2012, and responded to on November 30, 2012 (Fourth Petition); Docket No. FDA-2013-P-1128, received on September 12, 2013, and withdrawn by Teva on January 6, 2014 (Fifth Petition); Docket No. FDA-2013-P-1641, received on December 5, 2013, and responded to on May 2, 2014 (including the supplements thereto submitted on January 27, 2014, March 10, 2014, and May 2, 2014) (Sixth Petition); and Docket No. FDA-2014-P-0933, received on July 3, 2014, and responded to on November 26, 2014 (including the supplements thereto submitted on July 17, 2014, August 12, 2014, and November 13, 2014) (Seventh Petition); Docket No. FDA-2015-P-1050, received on April 1, 2015 (Eighth Petition). Teva withdrew the Fifth Petition before FDA issued a response.

<sup>27</sup> Eighth Petition.

<sup>28</sup> FDA CP Response at 43.

<sup>29</sup> U.S. Patent Nos. 8,232,250; 8,399,413; 8,969,302; 9,155,776 ; and 9,402,874 (individually, the ’250, ’413, ’302, ’776 and ’874 patents, respectively) (collectively, “Copaxone Patents”). Teva also obtained two non-Orange Book patents for the 40mg formulation relating to the process of



85. Teva intended to use the purported “new” 40mg formulation and weak method Copaxone Patents and process patents to extend its monopoly and continue to effectively foreclose generic Copaxone competition.

86. Indeed, Teva stated in its Form-20F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013: “our business strategy for Copaxone® relies heavily on the successful introduction of a three-times-a week product and the migration of a substantial percentage of current daily Copaxone® patients to this new version. The failure to achieve our objectives for the new version would likely have a material adverse effect on our financial results and cash flow.”<sup>30</sup>

87. Following its successful product switch from a 20mg version to a 40mg version, Teva continued with its exclusionary plan, filing lawsuits between October 2014 and November 2015 (later consolidated) in the District of Delaware against five of the would be generic GA manufacturers who filed generic GA 40mg ANDAs and submitted Paragraph IV certifications challenging several of the Copaxone (40mg) patents (’250, ’413, ’302 and ’776): Sandoz, Amneal, Dr. Reddy’s, Mylan (in partnership with Natco), Synthon.

88. After a seven day bench trial, the District Court (Sleet, J.) , dealt Teva a resounding rebuke, invalidating four Copaxone Patents (’250, ’413, ’302 and ’776) as obvious, under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The court concluded:

[T]he dosing regimen disclosed in patent directed at drug used to treat patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis was obvious; patent described thrice-weekly 40mg injection, 20mg and 40mg dose sizes had already been shown to be effective and safe, a daily 20mg injection had already been approved, and prior art suggested that less frequent injections

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manufacturing glatiramer acetate, with anticipated expiries in 2035: U.S. Patent Nos. 9,155,775 (’775 patent) and 9,763,993 (’993 patent).

<sup>30</sup> Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, Form-20F, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, at 63, [https://www.annualreports.com/HostedData/AnnualReportArchive/t/NASDAQ\\_TEVA\\_2013.pdf](https://www.annualreports.com/HostedData/AnnualReportArchive/t/NASDAQ_TEVA_2013.pdf).

were just as effective as daily injections and that less frequent injections improved patient adherence and reduced adverse reactions, i.e., that limitations in multiple sclerosis drug patent, that claimed less-frequent dosing regimen would improve tolerability and reduce adverse reactions, were obvious was not clearly erroneous; prior art had disclosed benefits of less frequent injections, and it was common sense that fewer injections would lead to fewer injection-related reactions.

89. The District Court offered a stinging opinion on four of the Teva Copaxone patents: “The court sees the ’250, ’413, ’302, and ’776 patents as nothing more than ‘life-cycle management’ – an attempt to continue to monopolize a multi-billion-dollar market for a blockbuster drug.”<sup>31</sup>

90. In October 2018, after Mylan had launched generic versions of both Copaxone strengths, the Federal Circuit affirmed the district court’s finding invalidating all asserted claims of the four Copaxone patents at issue as obvious. On the same day, the Federal Circuit also affirmed<sup>32</sup> rulings of the Patent Appeal and Trial Board (PTAB) invalidating the ’250, ’413 and ’302 Copaxone patents as a result of three *inter partes* review (IPR) filings by Mylan.<sup>33</sup> In substance: every tribunal to review Teva’s Copaxone patents found the 40mg three-times-a-week dosage regimen obvious over the prior art.

91. Teva also filed a suit against nine generic glatiramer acetate ANDA filers on December 19, 2016 in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.<sup>34</sup> On May 1,

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<sup>31</sup> *In re Copaxone Consolidate Cases*, Civil Action No. 14-1171-GMS, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12168 (D. Del. Jan. 30, 2017). In addition, Teva brought a separate case on the ’775 and ’993 patents against the five generics that was consolidated No. 14-1171, but which was not part of the bench trial and January 30, 2017 decision. Teva filed a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice as to this separate case on March 29, 2019.

<sup>32</sup> *Yeda Research & Development Co. v. Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.*, Nos. 17-1594, 17-1595, 17-1596, 906 F.3d 1031, 2018 WL 4938974 (Fed. Cir. Oct. 12, 2018) (Reyna, J.).

<sup>33</sup> IPR2015-00830, IPR2015-00643, and IPR2015-00644.

<sup>34</sup> *See In re: Copaxone*, No. 1:16-cv-01267-CFC (D.Del. Dec. 19, 2016), Dkt. No. 1.

2017, the Court entered a *Stipulation and Order Dismissing With Prejudice Claims and Counterclaims Regarding U.S. Patent No. 9,402,874*.<sup>35</sup> In early 2020, Teva requested removal of the '874 Patent from the Orange Book, following court decisions on other patents directed to methods of using Copaxone.<sup>36</sup> On March 29, 2019, the Court entered a *Stipulation of Dismissal of Claims, Counterclaims, and Affirmative Defenses*, with prejudice, regarding the '775 and '993 patents.<sup>37</sup>

## **5. Mylan Receives FDA Final Approval For 40mg and 20 mg and Launches.**

92. Following the district court win, FDA approved Mylan's ANDA for generic Copaxone 40-mg three-times-a-week treatment on October 3, 2017 and its generic version of the 20mg formulation, a once daily injection. Mylan thus became the first ANDA applicant to obtain approval of a generic version of 40 mg Copaxone®.<sup>38</sup> Mylan launched both generic formulations on October 5, 2017. As described below, Teva's exclusionary scheme prevented uptake of generic Copaxone, despite Mylan reducing the list price of its generic Copaxone 40 mg product by 60% in July 2018.

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<sup>35</sup> See *id.* (D. Del. May 1, 2017), Dkt. No. 74.

<sup>36</sup> See *Teva Pharm. USA, Inc. v. FDA et al.*, No. 1:20-cv-00808-BAH (D.D.C. July 16, 2020) Dkt. No. 41-1 (Declaration of Coleman Ragan).

<sup>37</sup> See *In re: Copaxone*, No. 1:16-cv-01267-CFC (D. Del. Mar. 29, 2019), Dkt. No. 264-1.

<sup>38</sup> Letter from Vincent Sansone, Acting Deputy Director, CDER, to Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., dated October 3, 2017, [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/appletter/2017/206936Orig1s000ltr.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/appletter/2017/206936Orig1s000ltr.pdf).

## VI. FACTS GIVING RISE TO PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS

### A. Teva's Anticompetitive Copay "Couponing" Strategy and Illegal Kickback Scheme

93. Health plans use deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and other cost-sharing mechanisms to limit healthcare spending. Thus, cost-sharing mechanisms effectively lower costs for health plan payors.

94. Teva worked to circumvent the incentives and price pressure created by cost-sharing obligations by removing plan members' copay obligations, thereby removing their incentives to choose the A-rated generic alternative. Since the consumer typically bears only a small portion of the drug's total cost, this "coupon" to the consumer allows Teva to maintain and increase marketshare *while artificially increasing prices above the levels that would have existed in a competitive market.*

95. Specifically, Teva provided patients with "coupons" that covered all or some of the cost of their co-pays through a service called "Copaxone Co-Pay Solutions." So when a health plan member filled a Copaxone prescription, the pharmacy would accept the coupon in lieu of the member's co-pay obligation, and Teva would pay the pharmacy for the value of the coupon. The coupons thus allowed Teva to charge supracompetitive prices for Copaxone without provoking a natural market response; this resulted in payors, including Plaintiff and Class members, having to cover *more* purchases of brand Copaxone at higher costs than they would have paid in the absence of Teva's unlawful conduct.

96. Teva's co-pay program was one of many aspects of the anticompetitive scheme that, together, effectively inflated the price of Copaxone.

97. Teva's internal documents show that its co-pay plan resulted in large returns for Teva in Copaxone revenue. For example, Teva's 2008 Copaxone Work Plan estimated that Teva would spend approximately \$70 million on "Private Insurance Financial Assistance" between 2008

and 2011, resulting in sales of 198,930 units of Copaxone. Assuming a list price of \$1,886 per unit (the price of Copaxone on the date of the presentation), these sales were worth \$373,484,580 – a 433% return on investment. These projections were conservative. In its Workplan for 2012 to 2014, Teva’s co-pay program had a reported average return on investment of 451% for commercial patients. In 2017, Teva estimated that a patient on the program was 15% more likely to stay on the drug for 12 months than a patient that was not on the program. Keeping patients on the program was key for Teva because it allowed them to charge supracompetitive prices to the respective consumer’s insurer or health plan.

98. Internal documents indicate that Teva collected \$257.5 million in net revenue from its \$56.4 million in expenditures on commercial programs in 2014, with \$148.2 million in net revenue from \$68.4 million in program expenditures in 2015.<sup>39</sup> Put simply, Teva’s “coupon” scheme paid dividends. It allowed Teva to maintain supracompetitive prices for Copaxone without losing substantial sales volume, undermined generic substitution, and forced payors, like Plaintiff and the Class members, to continue paying for Copaxone in the face of supracompetitive prices. Indeed, an HHS OIG Advisory bulletin has explained harm resulting from programs like Teva’s:

Subsidies provided by traditional pharmaceutical manufacturer PAPs [patient assistance programs] have the practical effect of locking beneficiaries into the manufacturer’s product .... [C]ost-sharing subsidies can be very profitable for manufacturers, providing additional incentives for abuse. So long as the manufacturer’s sales price for the product exceeds its marginal variable costs plus the amount of the cost-sharing assistance, the manufacturer makes a profit. These profits can be considerable, especially for expensive drugs for chronic conditions.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> House Report.

<sup>40</sup> HS-OIG’s 2005 Special Advisory Bulletin on Patient Assistance Programs for Medicare Part D Enrollees, 70 Fed. Reg. 70623, 70626 (Nov. 22, 2005).

99. Teva used its “coupon” program to retain and obtain Copaxone sales that it would have lost or otherwise never have obtained. The co-pay program helped create a captive market that allowed Teva to preserve its Copaxone monopoly and supracompetitive profits while significantly limiting generic uptake compared to what would be expected under competitive conditions. Teva’s co-pay program has caused payors, like Plaintiff and the Class member, to pay millions of dollars more for Copaxone than lower cost generic GA that would have been prescribed absent Teva’s anticompetitive conduct. The “coupon” program allowed Teva to maintain its high prices to health plans by effectively eliminating cost-sharing obligations for plan members.

100. Teva was no stranger to this type of scheme, which it has also employed with non-commercial plans. In fact, Teva employed a similar scheme involving kickbacks to do the same thing to Medicare plans. Teva effectively eliminated cost-sharing obligations for Medicare recipients by funneling money through third-party foundations which it knew would be directed to pay those co-pays. Teva engaged in this conduct for at least a decade, and according to the House Report, it continued until at least 2018.

101. The Department of Justice filed suit against Teva in August 2020 alleging that “Teva knowingly and willfully violated the anti-kickback statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(b), by paying over \$300 million to two third-party foundations, Chronic Disease Fund (“CDF”) and The Assistance Fund (“TAF”), to cover the Medicare copay obligations of Copaxone patients.”

102. Although Teva claimed these payments were “donations,” Teva made payments only to these two foundations because “it had assurance that its money would go to patients taking . . . Copaxone” and not to patients taking other drugs.

103. The purpose of Teva’s payments to the foundations, like its “coupon” program, was to allow Teva to keep the price of Copaxone high by disincentivizing patients from switching to a

generic alternative. This combined with Teva's other anticompetitive acts suppressed generic uptake and caused Plaintiff and the class to continue paying inflated prices for GA.

104. A January 2018 internal Teva email cited in the House Report explains how Teva's use of the kickbacks prevented generic uptake and kept prices high for insurers. The email discusses an insurer's decision to move Copaxone 40mg to non-preferred status for both Commercial and Medicare Part D plans, covering approximately 15 million and 1 million lives respectively. Teva's Executive Vice President for North America explained why the insurer's attempt to facilitate conversion to less expensive generic GA failed: "Also, the NP [non-preferred] status means little as we buy the patients [sic] copay down to zero anyway. Unless they NDC block Copaxone 40mg, we are fine. . . the actual impact is very low. . . ." <sup>41</sup>

105. Teva continued making these "donations" at least into 2018. The House Report notes that Teva made \$23,286,429 in "charitable cash contributions in connection with Copaxone" in 2018. <sup>42</sup> In drafts of its planning documents for 2018, Teva noted that "eliminating its 'Medicare Donation' to third-party foundations would cost Teva up to \$261 million in Copaxone sales." <sup>43</sup>

106. Through its "coupons" and "donations" Teva was able to circumvent the market effect of cost-sharing obligations for private health plan members and Medicare recipients. This allowed it to charge supracompetitive prices to all payors, including Plaintiff and members of the Class.

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<sup>41</sup> House Report; House Report, Document packet.

<sup>42</sup> House Report.

<sup>43</sup> *Id.*

**B. Teva's Exclusionary House Brand Strategy with PBMs and PBM-Owned Specialty Pharmacies**

107. Teva knew it stood to lose hundreds of millions of dollars when FDA approved a generic version of Copaxone.

108. Teva was closely monitoring the market, obtaining market intelligence in order to determine precisely which generic(s) would enter and when. As the entry of Mylan and Sandoz's competing generic GA product become an increasing reality, Teva unleashed the latest tactic in its arsenal to prevent and stymie competition.

109. In order to unlawfully thwart the uptake of generic 40 mg GA, first from Mylan and then from Sandoz, Teva designed and implemented a multi-part exclusionary scheme, which leveraged its dominant market position to ensure that automatic substitution laws would have little to no effect once generic entry occurred.

110. Teva referred to one part of its exclusionary scheme internally as the "House Brand" Strategy. The scheme consisted of contracting with the two types of entities: (1) PBMs and (2) PBM-owned specialty pharmacies. The scheme aimed to ensure that automatic substitution laws, which would have resulted in the substitution of Teva's brand Copaxone product for Mylan and Sandoz's generic Copaxone product, would have virtually no effect. Instead, by contracting with intermediaries, Teva was able to ensure that its brand Copaxone product would be covered and dispensed, even though Mylan and Sandoz were offering less-expensive generic versions.

111. First, Teva contracted with PBMs to block coverage of generic GA through what is referred to as a formulary restriction. Teva described this as "executed at the formulary level" and "blocking the generic via formulary restrictions." Pursuant to these agreements, Teva promised additional rebates to the PBMs in exchange for filling all "'glatirmer' or Copaxone scripts with Copaxone," rather than the generic. But the strategy went further—it forced PBMs to



exclude generic GA. If the specialty pharmacy dispensed generic GA, the PBM would lose extra Copaxone-related rebates from Teva.

112. Second, this all-or-nothing rebate approach was combined with contracts with specialty pharmacies affiliated with the PBMs that required the pharmacy to replace any generic Copaxone prescriptions with the brand, even if the prescription specifically requested that it be filled with a generic version.

113. As a direct result of Teva's exclusionary scheme, automatic substitution laws could not operate as they were intended to, and generic GA could not compete with the brand on price – even though it was less expensive and would have saved Plaintiff and members of the class millions of dollars in overcharges. For example, in July 2018, Mylan reduced its list price for 40 mg Copaxone by 60%, but the price reduction hardly impacted sales. Teva's exclusionary tactics were successful in preventing competition, at the expense of third-party payors. According to Mylan, its price reduction “had hardly any impact on Mylan's sales” because Teva's contracts with PBMs and specialty pharmacies mandated substitution of Teva's 40mg product. Mylan put it simply: “there is no price Mylan could go to that would change the equation.”<sup>44</sup>

114. In an internal slide to its Board of Directors, Teva described the scheme as follows:

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<sup>44</sup> See *Mylan Pharm. Inc. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc., et al.*, No. 6:21-cv-00072-CEM-DCI (D.Fla. January 8, 2021) Dkt. No. 1 “Mylan Complt.”), at ¶ 7.

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- House Brand Accounts:
  - Contracting Strategy for Brand over Generic. Discussions have taken place with these designated accounts.
    - 2 of the House Brand target accounts will be executed at the formulary level. Blocking the generic via formulary restriction.
    - 2 of the House Brand target accounts will be executed at the specialty pharmacy level. Pharmacy will fill brand regardless if prescribed as generic.
- Loyalty Accounts:
  - Contracting for continued formulary access, without any step edits through Gx. These plans may decide to add Gx to their formulary. Assume modest increases in rebate for this strategy (1-5 points)
    - HCP loyalty and DAW strategy will help retain many of these branded units.
    - Assumed retention of 50% of 40mg units

11 3-TIMES-A-WEEK 40 mg/mL

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115. Teva's Executive Vice President for North America offered an even more direct explanation of precisely how the scheme operated to thwart generic competition: "[PBM] is getting an additional rebate to fill all 'glatiramer' or Copaxone scripts with Copaxone. . .if a doctor orders generic glatiramer or the pharmacy benefit mandates it be filled as a generic, it will come in a plain box with Copaxone inside. Win-win for all. . .[Specialty Pharmacy] only ships brand Copaxone no matter how it is written or what the formulary states. This is why this [putting Copaxone on non-preferred tier] has little impact."

On Jan 31, 2018, at 3:56 PM, Brendan O'Grady [Highly Confidential] wrote:

Because [PBM] is getting an additional rebate to fill all "glatiramer" or Copaxone scripts with Copaxone...if a doctor orders generic glatiramer or the pharmacy benefit mandates it be filled as a generic, it will come in a plain box with Copaxone inside. Win-win for all...

Best regards,

<image001.png> [Brendan P. O'Grady EVP and Head of North America]  
[Highly Confidential]

On Jan 31, 2018, at 4:02 PM, Brendan O'Grady [Highly Confidential] wrote:

No as last I understood, [Specialty Pharmacy] only ships brand Copaxone no matter how it is written or what the formulary states. That is why this has little impact. Then again, my knowledge may be dated.

Best regards,

<image001.png> [Brendan P. O'Grady EVP and Head of North America]  
[Highly Confidential]

116. As a direct result of its exclusionary scheme, Teva has lined its pockets with ill-gotten gains at the expense of insurers—such as Plaintiff and Class Members—who have been forced to pay supracompetitive prices for brand Copaxone, and have been prevented from buying larger quantities of the generic GA, despite the availability of less-expensive generic GA.

### C. Teva's False and Misleading "DAW" Campaign

117. Teva employs a team of sales representatives who regularly visit and communicate with medical professionals and staff across the country to market Copaxone and persuade them to prescribe it. Teva also promotes Copaxone through its Shared Solutions patient support hub, where it provides copay support, patient training, nursing support and other resources. Shared Solutions personnel also visit and communicate with medical professionals and staff in addition to MS patients.

118. In order to circumvent the automatic substitution laws and push doctors to write prescriptions for Copaxone instead of generic GA, Teva engaged in a campaign of false and misleading marketing statements about generic GA. Teva began this campaign before Mylan launched its 40 mg GA and continued after Mylan's launch.

119. First, Teva, through its sales representatives and Shared Solutions patient support personnel, made false statements to medical practitioners and patients about the efficacy of generic GA. Teva and/or its sales representatives falsely stated, without evidence, that generic GA is only 80% or 85% as effective as Copaxone. Teva knew these statements to be false since FDA has determined that generic GA is an AP-rated equivalent substitute to Copaxone. Teva also knew, at the time these statements were made, that there were no comparative efficacy trials of Mylan's generic GA to Copaxone.

120. According to Mylan, (i) its representatives consistently encountered medical professionals throughout the country who believed that generic GA was only 80% or 85% as effective as Copaxone; (ii) these statements had been disseminated widely among those who prescribe GA; and (iii) a significant portion of those prescribers attributed the statements to Teva and its sales representatives.

121. Second, Teva's sales representatives and Shared Solutions personnel made false and misleading statements to medical professionals and patients that Mylan did not offer copay support for its generic GA product. Teva knew these representations were false or misleading in that it had no support for the statements and knew or should have known that Mylan had included information about its copay assistance in its press release in October 2017 announcing the launch of its product. Mylan announced that it would offer copay assistance to eligible patients through

its MS Advocate program. Teva continued to make the false and misleading statements about copay support after this date.

122. According to Mylan, (i) its representatives encountered medical professionals and staff across the country who believed that Mylan does not offer copay support for its generic GA product; (ii) these statements had been disseminated widely among those who prescribe GA; and (iii) a significant portion of those prescribers attributed the statements to Teva and its sales representatives.

123. Third, Teva's sales representatives and Shared Solutions personnel made false and misleading statements to medical professionals and patients that Mylan did not provide patient training and nursing support for its generic GA product. Teva knew that physicians and patients valued patient training and nursing support services, which it relied on to drive additional sales of Copaxone. For example, Teva's 2012-2014 workplan reported that its \$29 million "investment" in patient services in 2011 had "generated" \$363 million in sales. The workplan emphasized that this expenditure reflected a significant return on investment: "ROI of 1152%."<sup>45</sup> Teva executives estimated in 2017 that conducting an additional 1,200 injection trainings would cost the company \$250,000, but "net \$2.5M [million] in incremental sales."<sup>46</sup> By claiming that Mylan did not provide these services, Teva could retain a significant share of Copaxone sales by dissuading physicians and patients from switching to lower priced generic GA. Indeed, Teva viewed its Shared Solutions services as "key activities to defend Copaxone Against Generic erosion."<sup>47</sup> However, Teva knew these representations were false or misleading in that it had no support for the statements and knew

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<sup>45</sup> House Report.

<sup>46</sup> *Id.*

<sup>47</sup> *Id.*

or should have known that Mylan had included information about its patient training and nursing support in its press release in October 2017 announcing the launch of its product. Mylan announced that it would offer “in-home injection training,” “a 24/7 patient support center,” and “ongoing support from an MS-experienced nurse” through its MS Advocate program. Teva continued to make the false and misleading statements about copay support after this date.

124. According to Mylan, (i) its representatives encountered medical professionals and staff across the country who believed that Mylan does not offer patient training and nursing support for its generic GA product; (ii) these statements had been disseminated widely among those who prescribe GA; and (iii) a significant portion of those prescribers attributed the statements to Teva and its sales representatives.

125. Finally, Teva’s sales representatives and Shared Solutions personnel made false and misleading statements to medical professionals and patients that Mylan’s generic GA product was a biologic or biosimilar and therefore a more complex drug and not the same medication as Copaxone. Teva knew these representations were false or misleading in that Mylan’s product is not a biologic or biosimilar and has been deemed by FDA to be an AP-rated equivalent to Copaxone.

126. According to Mylan, its representatives encountered medical professionals throughout the country who believed that Mylan’s generic GA product is a biologic or biosimilar or otherwise materially different or more complex than Copaxone and those medical professionals were told this misinformation by Teva.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> This false and misleading campaign culminated in another attempt by Teva to abuse the court processes. Teva filed a lawsuit in March 2020 seeking to have Copaxone classified as a biologic in yet another attempt to thwart generic substitution. Teva argued that a generic would have to be deemed “interchangeable” under the BPCIA standards. The district court dismissed this

127. All of the above-described marketing statements were made without support or evidence and despite Teva's knowledge that no support existed for these statements.

128. The purpose of Teva's campaign of false and misleading promotional statements was to prevent uptake of generic versions of GA by persuading doctors to write "DAW" prescriptions for Copaxone so that the pharmacist could not substitute less expensive generic GA for those prescriptions, thereby circumventing automatic substitution laws.

129. Teva knew that its DAW campaign was an important part of its scheme to thwart generic competition, as reflected in its strategy documents. For example, a January 2017 Teva presentation titled "At-Risk Gx Readiness" states, "HCP [healthcare professional] loyalty and DAW strategy will help retain many of these branded units."<sup>49</sup>

130. Teva leveraged its Shared Solutions program to influence patients with its DAW campaign. An August 2017 internal analysis showed that DAW was written on 87% of Copaxone 40 mg prescriptions requested through the Shared Solutions service.<sup>50</sup>

131. Teva continued this part of its scheme after Mylan launched its generic GA. A Board presentation from October 2017 includes Teva's "Key Activities to Defend Against Generic Erosion."<sup>51</sup> These "Key Activities" included "Sales force proactively messages to HCP customers the need for "Dispense as Written" on all new Rx and refills" as well as "[o]utbound efforts to 40mg patients through Shared Solutions, which included "[e]mails to all patients with DAW

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baseless suit in December 2020, deeming it as "yet another effort to stifle Copaxone competitors" and recognizing that Teva's arguments contradicted positions it had previously taken.

<sup>49</sup> House Report Document Packet, doc no. 53.

<sup>50</sup> House Report.

<sup>51</sup> House Report Document Packet, doc no. 44.

messaging[.]”<sup>52</sup> Teva was also able to get current patient lists for practitioners to “proactively” write DAW on prescriptions.<sup>53</sup> Likewise, an August 2018 presentation stated, “reinforce DAW on every call.”<sup>54</sup>

132. Because of its false and misleading statements to healthcare professionals, Teva succeeded in circumventing automatic substitution and preventing uptake of generic GA. The DAW prescription rate for Copaxone was approximately 13.5% in the period leading up to Mylan’s generic launch, and it rose to 77% by February 2018. An August 2018 email from Teva’s Executive Vice President for North America stated that “[t]he DAW campaign combined with the legacy and house brand access strategy has paid great dividends.”

133. Following the entry of Mylan’s generic GA formulations in October 2017 and Sandoz’s generic 40mg GA product in February 2018, Teva continued to maintain more than 50% of the market despite the list price of Copaxone being higher than the prices of the generics.

134. According to Mylan, Teva’s misrepresentations and false statements had so thoroughly influenced healthcare professionals that many refused to even talk to Mylan’s representatives trying to correct them and/or argued against Mylan’s representatives using Teva’s false statements.

135. In sum, Teva’s DAW campaign, combined with the House Brand strategy, paid “great dividends.” In 2018, despite the availability of generic alternatives, Teva collected \$1.6 billion in net revenue for Copaxone.<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> *Id.*

<sup>53</sup> *Id.*

<sup>54</sup> House Report.

<sup>55</sup> *Id.*



## **VII. MARKET POWER AND MARKET DEFINITION**

136. At all relevant times, Teva has maintained monopoly power over the glatiramer acetate market: it had the power to raise and/or maintain the price of glatiramer acetate at supra-competitive levels without losing substantial sales to other products, except for AP-rated generic versions of Copaxone, to make the supracompetitive prices unprofitable.

137. Direct evidence of Teva's market power includes the following: (a) from 2013 to 2018, the per-unit manufacturing cost for Copaxone was less than 3% of the net price of the drug, i.e., the price after adjusting for rebates and discounts; (b) when generic Copaxone eventually entered the market, it took a portion of brand Copaxone's unit sales; (c) Teva never lost Copaxone sales in response to pricing of other brand or generic drugs, except for AP-rated generic Copaxone; (d) Teva never lowered the price of Copaxone to the competitive level in response to pricing of other brand or generic drugs; and (e) from 2006 to 2015, prior to generic entry, Defendants profitably raised the price of Copaxone 20mg by approximately 350%.

138. To the extent that Plaintiff and the class are required to prove monopoly power circumstantially by first defining a relevant product market, Plaintiff allege that the relevant product market is Copaxone and AP-rated glatiramer acetate generics.

139. Brand Copaxone is therapeutically differentiated from all RRMS products other than AP-rated generic versions of Copaxone. The availability of other RRMS disease-modifying treatments has not constrained Teva. Teva has continually increased the prices for Copaxone over the years, even when new RRMS injectable disease-modifying therapies were approved by the FDA.

140. Only the market entry of a competing, AP-rated equivalent generic version of Copaxone and the absence of Teva's anticompetitive conduct would make Teva unable to profitably maintain its prices for Copaxone without losing substantial sales.

141. Teva has used its market power to foreclose or otherwise adversely affect competition in the market for FDA-approved AP-rated glatiramer acetate drug products by—among other unlawful tactics—engaging in an anticompetitive coupon and kickback scheme to keep Copaxone prices high, preventing uptake of generic versions of Copaxone by entering into anticompetitive agreements to block generics from formulary access and prevent generic substitution at the specialty pharmacies, and engaging in a campaign of false and misleading disinformation about generic GA products to prevent uptake.

142. Teva's conduct has forced third-party payors to purchase Copaxone at artificially high and noncompetitive price levels and denied them the availability of a lower cost generic glatiramer acetate product.

143. Teva has had a significant incentive to maintain its monopoly over glatiramer acetate and keep prices artificially high.

144. The relevant geographic market is the United States, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.

145. At all relevant times, Teva enjoyed high barriers to entry with respect to the above-defined relevant market due to patent protection, the high cost of entry and expansion, expenditures in marketing and physician detailing, and state statutes that require prescriptions for the purchase of the products at issue and restrict substitution of those products at the pharmacy counter. The products in this market require significant investments of time and money to design, develop, and distribute. In addition, the market requires government approvals to enter and/or the drugs at issue

may be covered by patents or other forms of intellectual property. Teva's unlawful conduct further restricted entry. Thus, during the relevant time, existing and potential market entrants could not enter and/or expand output quickly in response to Teva's higher prices or reduced output.

146. A small but significant, non-transitory price increase to Copaxone by Teva would not have caused a significant loss of sales to other drugs or products used for similar purposes, with the exception of AP-rated equivalent generic versions of glatiramer acetate.

147. Brand Copaxone does not exhibit significant, positive cross-price elasticity of demand with any other treatment for multiple sclerosis, and thus other drugs that are not AP-rated to Copaxone are not economic substitutes for, and are not reasonably interchangeable for Copaxone.

#### **VIII. EFFECT ON INTRASTATE AND INTERSTATE COMMERCE**

148. At all material times, Copaxone, manufactured and sold by Teva, was promoted, distributed, sold and/or shipped in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of commerce across state lines and sold to customers located outside its state of manufacture.

149. During the relevant time period, in connection with the purchase and sale of Copaxone, monies as well as contracts, bills, and other forms of business communications and transactions were transmitted in a continuous and uninterrupted flow across state lines.

150. During the relevant time period, various devices were used to effectuate the illegal acts described above, including United States mail, interstate and foreign travel, and interstate and foreign telephone commerce. Teva's activities, as alleged in this complaint, were within the flow of, and have substantially affected, interstate commerce.

151. Teva's anticompetitive conduct occurred in part in trade and commerce within the states set forth herein. Teva's conduct had substantial interstate and intrastate effects because physicians within each state have been wrongfully induced into prescribing brand Copaxone

instead of lower priced generic Copaxone through Teva's DAW campaign, pharmacies within each state have dispensed brand Copaxone instead of lower priced generic Copaxone through Teva's House Brand strategy, and patients and health plans within each state have been forced to continue paying supra-competitive prices for Copaxone prescriptions, which, in the absence of Teva's anticompetitive conduct, would have been filled with lower priced generic Copaxone.

## **IX. ANTITRUST IMPACT**

152. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and members of the class purchased substantial amounts of glatiramer acetate indirectly from Teva. As a result of Defendants' illegal conduct, Plaintiff and members of the class were compelled to pay, did pay, and continue to pay artificially inflated prices for glatiramer acetate. Those prices were substantially greater than the prices that members of the class would have paid absent the illegal conduct alleged herein, because: (1) the price of branded Copaxone was artificially inflated by the Teva's illegal conduct, (2) class members were deprived of the opportunity to purchase lower-priced generic versions of Copaxone in greater quantities, which they would have done had they had the opportunity, and/or (3) the price of generic Copaxone was artificially inflated by the Teva's illegal conduct. The supracompetitive prices were paid at the point of sale, which is where Plaintiff and the proposed class suffered antitrust impact.

153. As a consequence, Plaintiff and members of the class have sustained substantial damages to their business and property in the form of overcharges. The full amount and forms of components of such damages will be calculated after discovery and upon proof at trial. Commonly used and well-accepted economic models can be used to measure both the extent and the amount of the supracompetitive charges to end payors such as Plaintiff and members of the class.

154. General economic theory recognizes that any overcharge at a higher level of distribution generally results in higher prices at every level below. According to Professor

Hovenkamp, “[e]very person at every stage in the chain will be poorer as a result of the monopoly price at the top.” Professor Hovenkamp also acknowledges that “[t]heoretically, one can calculate the percentage of any overcharge that a firm at one distribution level will pass on to those at the next level.”<sup>56</sup>

155. Further, the institutional structure of pricing and regulation in the pharmaceutical drug industry assures that overcharges at the higher level of distribution are passed on to end payors. Wholesalers and retailers passed on the inflated prices of Copaxone to Plaintiffs and the Class of end-payors defined herein. Teva’s anticompetitive actions enabled it to indirectly charge end-payors prices in excess of what it otherwise would have been able to charge absent its unlawful conduct. The prices were inflated as a direct and foreseeable result of Teva’s anticompetitive conduct.

## X. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

156. Plaintiff brings this action on its own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated as a class action under Rules 23(a), 23(b)(2), and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, seeking damages pursuant to the laws of the states listed below (the “Indirect Purchaser States”), and as representative of a class defined as follows:

All third-party payors in the Indirect Purchaser States and territories that paid some or all of the purchase price for Copaxone or glatiramer acetate at any time during the period from October 1, 2017 through and until the anticompetitive effects of the defendants’ challenged conduct cease (the “Class Period”).

157. Excluded from the class are:

- a. the Defendants and their counsel, officers, directors, management, employees, subsidiaries, and affiliates;

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<sup>56</sup> See H. Hovenkamp, *FEDERAL ANTITRUST POLICY, THE LAW OF COMPETITION AND ITS PRACTICE* (1994) at 624.

- b. all federal governmental entities;
- c. all judges assigned to this case and any members of their immediate families.

158. Members of the class are so numerous and widely geographically dispersed throughout the United States and its territories that joinder is impracticable. Plaintiff believes that the class numbers in the dozens at least and is geographically spread across the nation. Further, the identities of members of the class will be readily identifiable from information and records in the possession of Teva.

159. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of members of the class. Plaintiff and all members of the class were damaged by the same wrongful conduct by Teva, and all paid artificially inflated prices for Copaxone and were deprived of the benefits of competition from less expensive generic versions as a result of the Defendants' conduct.

160. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the class. Plaintiff's interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to, the class.

161. Plaintiff is represented by counsel who are experienced and competent in the prosecution of class action litigation, and who have particular experience with class action litigation involving the pharmaceutical industry.

162. Questions of law and fact common to members of the class predominate over questions, if any, that may affect only individual class members, because the Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the entire class. Such generally applicable conduct is inherent in the Defendants' wrongful conduct.

163. Any plaintiff who was forced to pay a higher price in the absence of generic competition has a substantial and shared interest in proving that the higher price was the result of unlawful monopolizing conduct that is redressable by an award of damages.

164. Questions of law and fact common to the class include:

- a. whether Teva unlawfully maintained monopoly power through all or part of its overarching scheme;
- b. whether Teva's anticompetitive scheme suppressed generic competition to Copaxone;
- c. as to those parts of Teva's challenged conduct for which such justifications may be offered, whether there exist cognizable, non-pretextual procompetitive justifications, which the Defendants' challenged conduct was the least restrictive means of achieving, that offset the harm to competition in the markets in which glatiramer acetate is sold;
- d. whether direct proof of Teva's monopoly power is available, and if available, whether it is sufficient to prove Teva's monopoly power without the need to also define a relevant market;
- e. to the extent a relevant market or markets must be defined, what that definition is or those definitions are;
- f. whether Teva's scheme, in whole or in part, has substantially affected interstate commerce;
- g. whether the Teva's scheme, in whole or in part, caused antitrust injury to the business or property of Plaintiff and members of the class in the nature of overcharges; and
- h. the quantum of overcharges paid by the class in the aggregate.

165. Class action treatment is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Among other things, class treatment will permit a large number of similarly

situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort, and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. The benefits of proceeding through the class mechanism, including providing injured persons or entities with a method for obtaining redress on claims that might not be practicable to pursue individually, substantially outweigh any difficulties that may arise in management of this class action.

166. Plaintiff knows of no difficulty to be encountered in the maintenance of this action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

## **XI. TEVA CONCEALED ITS UNLAWFUL CONDUCT**

167. The claims of Plaintiff and members of the class accrue each time they suffer injury as a result of Defendants' anticompetitive conduct. Plaintiff and members of the class were injured each time they purchased Copaxone at supracompetitive prices or purchased less generic Copaxone than they would have absent Teva's anticompetitive scheme. Each sale of brand Copaxone constituted an overt act in furtherance of Teva's continuing anticompetitive scheme.

168. Additional overt acts in furtherance of Teva's continuing misconduct include, but are not limited to: implementing and enforcing exclusionary agreements with PBMs to bar generic Copaxone from formularies; obtaining and enforcing agreements with specialty pharmacies to circumvent generic substitution laws so that the brand product is always shipped, even when generic is prescribed; falsely disparaging generic Copaxone in order to convince prescribers to write DAW on all Copaxone prescriptions; and using couponing to drive up brand sales. As a result, Plaintiff and member of the class are entitled to recover damages on their brand Copaxone purchases within the applicable statute of limitations.



169. In addition, because Teva fraudulently concealed its unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to recover damages extending back beyond the applicable statute of limitations in relation to the filing of this complaint. Plaintiff and the members of the class had no knowledge of Teva's unlawful scheme and could not have discovered the scheme through the exercise of reasonable diligence prior to the applicable statute of limitations in relation to the filing of this complaint.

170. Plaintiff and the members of the class could not have known that Teva was entering into exclusionary agreements with PBMs and specialty pharmacies to bar generic Copaxone until the House Committee published its report on September 30, 2020. Teva took steps to keep these anticompetitive agreements secret. This included senior Teva executives warning subordinates that the exclusionary agreements with PBMs and specialty pharmacies should not be shared even internally with other Teva employees due to their "confidential nature." Moreover, internal communications discussing the exclusionary contracts were prominently stamped with the admonition: "DO NOT COPY. DO NOT DISTRIBUTE."

171. Similarly, Plaintiff and the members of the class could not have known about Teva's "Dispense as Written" campaign until the issuance of the Staff Report. And only subsequently, when Mylan filed its lawsuit against Teva on June 29, 2021, did it come to light that Teva's "Dispense as Written" campaign was punctuated by a misinformation campaign regarding generic Copaxone, including untrue statements about the efficacy of the generic products.

172. It was not until the House Committee issued its report a few weeks later, on September 30, 2020, that Teva's exclusionary contracts and other key aspects of Teva's monopolization scheme began to come to light. Notably, the Staff Report was based on the House Committee's review of over 300,000 pages of internal, nonpublic documents and communications

produced by Teva to the Committee in response to a formal request. Similarly, the Mylan complaint filed in June 2021 set forth information that could not have been known by Plaintiffs prior to the filing of that action.

173. Teva's illegal monopolization scheme was also inherently self-concealing because, as Defendants knew, its disclosure would have exposed it to civil liability and governmental enforcement actions, as in fact occurred when the scheme came to light. *See e.g., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. v. Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd, et al.*, case no. 21-cv-13087 (D.N.J.) (complaint filed June 29, 2021); *see also Humana Inc. v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.*, case no. 21-cv-00072 (M.D.Fla.) (complaint January 8, 2021).

174. Teva's business practices are subject to the antitrust laws, and so it was reasonable for Plaintiffs and Class members to presume that Teva was operating in a competitive market. A reasonable person under the circumstances would not have had occasion to suspect that Teva was engaged in an overarching monopolization scheme to suppress generic competition until September 30, 2020, when the Staff Report was published.

175. Because Teva's monopolization scheme is self-concealing and was affirmatively concealed by Teva, Plaintiff and the members of the class had no knowledge of the scheme prior to the applicable statute of limitations in relation to the filing of this complaint. As a result of Teva's fraudulent concealment, all applicable statutes of limitations affecting the claims of Plaintiff and members of the class have been tolled.

## **XII. COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE AND DEMAND REQUIREMENTS**

176. In accordance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statute § 44-1415; Hawaii Revised Statute § 480-13.3(a); 815 Illinois Compiled Statutes § 505/10a(d); Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-634(g); Minn. Stat. § 325D.63; Nevada Revised Statute § 598A.210(3); New York General

Business Law § 340(5); Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.780(5)(b); Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-21; and Utah Code § 76-10-3109, on or about March 11, 2022, Plaintiff's counsel sent letters regarding this class-action complaint to the Attorneys General of Arizona, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Utah. The letters informed the Attorneys General of the existence of this complaint, identified the relevant state antitrust provisions at issue, and enclosed a copy of this complaint.

177. On or about March 11, 2022, counsel sent demand letters to the Teva Defendants regarding this class-action complaint, which satisfy the demand-letter requirements of certain consumer-protection statutes mentioned below (e.g., California, Maine, Massachusetts, and West Virginia). The demand letters identified the claimant as Plaintiff, in its individual and representative capacity; described the allegedly unfair or deceptive acts or practices committed by Teva (i.e., its efforts to suppress competition from generic Copaxone); described Plaintiff's and the class's injury (increased prices for Copaxone); set forth a demand for relief (treble damages, attorneys' fees, litigation costs, and other available sanctions); and requested an offer to cure within the statutorily prescribed time.

### **XIII. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

#### **CLAIM I: MONOPOLIZATION AND MONOPOLISTIC SCHEME UNDER ANTITRUST STATE LAWS**

178. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all the allegations above as though fully set forth herein.

179. At all relevant times, Teva possessed substantial market power (i.e., monopoly power) in the relevant market. Teva possessed the power to control prices in, prevent prices from falling in, and exclude competitors from the relevant market.

180. Through its overarching anticompetitive scheme, as alleged above, Teva willfully maintained its monopoly power in the relevant market using restrictive or exclusionary conduct, rather than by means of greater business acumen or a historic accident, and thereby injured Plaintiff and the class.

181. Had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the markets for glatiramer acetate, Plaintiff and the class members would have substituted more lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone for some or all of their Copaxone requirements, and would have paid substantially lower prices for brand-name Copaxone and generic Copaxone.

182. The goal, purpose, and effect of Teva's overarching anticompetitive scheme was to suppress generic competition for glatiramer acetate, extend its dominance in that market, and maintain Copaxone's prices at supracompetitive levels.

183. Teva's scheme substantially harmed competition in the relevant market.

184. There is and was no non-pretextual, procompetitive justification for Teva's actions that outweighs the scheme's harmful effects. Even if there were some conceivable justification that Teva could assert, the scheme is and was broader than necessary to achieve such a purpose.

185. But for Teva's illegal conduct, generic manufacturers of GA would have been able to fairly compete with Teva in a full and timely manner, and Plaintiff and Class members, who are third-party payors, would have substituted lower-priced generic GA for some or all of their Copaxone purchases and/or paid lower prices for their branded Copaxone purchases. Plaintiff and Class members would have purchased lower-priced GA in substantially larger quantities.

186. By engaging in the foregoing conduct, Teva intentionally, willfully, and wrongfully monopolized the relevant market in violation of the following state laws:

- a. Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§44-1401, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Arizona by class members and/or purchases by Arizona residents.
- b. Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code §§ 16700, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in California by class members and/or purchases by California residents.
- c. Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 35-24, *et seq.* with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Connecticut by class members and/or purchases by Connecticut residents.
- d. D.C. Code Ann. §§ 28-4503, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in the District of Columbia by class members and/or purchases by D.C. residents.
- e. Fla. Stat. § 501.201, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Florida by class members and/or purchases by Florida residents.
- f. 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. 10/1, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Illinois by class members and/or purchases by Illinois residents.
- g. Iowa Code § 553.1, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Iowa by class members and/or purchases by Iowa residents.
- h. Kan. Stat. §§ 50-101, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Kansas by class members and/or purchases by Kansas residents.
- i. Me. Rev. Stat. 10 § 1102, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Maine by class members and/or purchases by Maine residents.
- j. Md. Com'l Law Code Ann. § 11-204(a), *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Maryland by Plaintiff the City of Baltimore.
- k. Mass. Gen. Laws, Ch. 93A §§ 1, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Massachusetts by class members and/or purchases by Massachusetts residents.
- l. Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 445.771, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Michigan by class members and/or purchases by Michigan residents.

- m. Minn. Stat. §§ 325D.49, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Minnesota by class members and/or purchases by Minnesota residents.
- n. Miss. Code §§ 75-21-3, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Mississippi by class members and/or purchases by Mississippi residents.
- o. Neb. Code §§ 59-802, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Nebraska by class members and/or purchases by Nebraska residents.
- p. Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 598A.060, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Nevada by class members and/or purchases by Nevada residents.
- q. N.H. Rev. Stat. §§ 356:1, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in New Hampshire by class members and/or purchases by New Hampshire residents.
- r. N.M. Stat. §§ 57-1-2, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in New Mexico by class members and/or purchases by New Mexico residents.
- s. N.Y. G.B.L. § 340, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in New York by class members and/or purchases by New York residents.
- t. N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 75-2.1, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in North Carolina by class members and/or purchases by North Carolina residents.
- u. N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1-01, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in North Dakota by class members and/or purchases by North Dakota residents.
- v. Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 646.730, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Oregon by class members and/or purchases by Oregon residents.
- w. P.R. Laws tit. 10 § 260, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Puerto Rico by class members and/or purchases by Puerto Rico residents.
- x. R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 6-36-7, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Rhode Island by class members and/or purchases by Rhode Island residents.

- y. S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1-3.2, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in South Dakota by class members and/or purchases by South Dakota residents.
- z. Utah Code Ann. §§ 76-10-3101, *et seq.* with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Utah by class members and/or purchases by Utah residents.
- aa. W.Va. Code §§ 47-18-4, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in West Virginia by class members and/or purchases by West Virginia residents.
- bb. Wis. Stat. § 133.03, *et seq.*, with respect to purchase of Copaxone and generic GA in Wisconsin by class members and/or purchases by Wisconsin residents.

187. As a direct and proximate result of Teva's monopolistic conduct, Plaintiff and the class have suffered injury to their business and property in that they have paid more for glatiramer acetate than they would have paid in the absence of Teva's unlawful conduct. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available, including damages and multiple damages, as permitted by law for Teva's violations of the foregoing statutes.

## **CLAIM II:**

### **UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION, AND UNFAIR DECEPTIVE ACTS, IN VIOLATION OF STATE CONSUMER-PROTECTIONS LAWS**

188. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all previous allegations of fact.

189. Teva engaged in unfair methods of competition, unfair and unconscionable acts or practices, and deceptive acts or practices, in order to wrongfully restrain trade in the glatiramer-acetate market, and in violation of the state consumer-protection statutes identified below.

190. As noted in detail above, these practices include (1) duping health plans with an anticompetitive consumer copay "coupon" scheme that circumvented plan members' cost-sharing obligations and helped artificially increase and protect brand Copaxone's high prices; (2) entering

into exclusive agreements with PBMs, in order to block generic Copaxone's inclusion on formularies; (3) reaching agreements with PBM-owned specialty pharmacies to dispense branded Copaxone even if a prescription was written specifically for generic Copaxone; (4) disparaging generic Copaxone to providers, payors, etc.; and (5) engaging in a DAW campaign—all of which inhibited the uptake of generic Copaxone.

191. As a proximate result of Teva's unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive conduct, Plaintiff and the class were: (1) denied the opportunity to purchase lower-priced generic Copaxone; and (2) paid higher prices for brand Copaxone than they otherwise would have but for Teva's unlawful conduct.

192. In other words, there was and is a gross disparity between the price that the City of Baltimore and the class members actually paid for Copaxone and the price that they would have paid absent Teva's conduct. Much more affordable generic Copaxone would have been available, and prices for brand Copaxone would have been far lower, but for Teva's unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive conduct. This injury is of the type the state consumer-protection statutes were designed to prevent, and (again) it directly results from Teva's unlawful conduct.

193. To the extent deception is required under any of the state laws below, but for Teva's deceptive acts, Copaxone prices would have been lower. For example, if Teva hadn't campaigned to disparage generic Copaxone, then the generic-Copaxone market would have been more robust, which—in turn—would have driven down the market price of brand Copaxone. Relatedly, Teva's deceptive conduct—such as suggesting that its brand product was superior to generic Copaxone—allowed Teva to charge a higher price for brand Copaxone than it otherwise could have (i.e., Teva's misstatements allowed the company to charge a premium for brand Copaxone). In other words, Teva's misstatements resulted in overcharges to Plaintiff and the class, even if considered



independently of the rest of Teva's unfair business practices (e.g., its exclusivity agreements with PBMs).

194. The gravity of harm from Teva's wrongful conduct significantly outweighs any conceivable utility from that conduct. Plaintiff and the class members could not have reasonably avoided injury from Teva's wrongful conduct.

195. By engaging in such conduct, Teva violated the following consumer-protection laws:

*Arizona:*

196. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

197. The Arizona Consumer Fraud Act (the "ACFA") prohibits the "act, use or employment by any person of any . . . deceptive . . . act or practice . . . in connection with the sale . . . of any merchandise." ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 44-1522(A).

198. Teva violated Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act by (among other things) engaging in its scheme to suppress the availability of generic Copaxone, which is described above, and which included, among other things, exclusionary agreements with PBMs; efforts to circumvent DAW requirements; and falsely disparaging generic competition.

199. Teva engaged in this conduct with the express intent of limiting the availability of generic Copaxone. As noted above, and as indicated by Teva's own documents, Teva's exclusionary behavior was part of broader, years-long campaign that was specifically designed to inhibit competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and to allow Teva to maintain supra-competitive Copaxone prices.

200. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

201. Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased glatiramer acetate within Arizona during the Class Period.

202. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

203. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

204. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and the class are entitled to seek all forms of relief under the ACFA, including actual damages, treble damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

***California:***

205. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

206. Section 17200 *et seq.* of the California Business and Professional Code (the “UCL”) prohibits any “unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent act or practice[.]”

207. Teva violated the UCL by (among other things) engaging in its scheme to suppress the availability of generic Copaxone, which is described above, and which included, among other things, exclusionary agreements with PBMs; efforts to circumvent DAW requirements; and falsely disparaging generic competition.

208. Teva violated the UCL’s unlawful prong insofar as its conduct also violated federal antitrust law, as well as California’s antitrust law (CA BUS & PROF § 16720).

209. Teva’s conduct also constitutes unfair or unconscionable acts or practices under the UCL, regardless of whether or not that conduct violates state or federal antitrust laws.

210. Teva violated the UCL’s deception prong by, among other things, engaging in a coordinated effort to disparage its generic competition, in order to suppress generic uptake.

211. Teva’s conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

212. Teva’s conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

213. Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased glatiramer acetate within California during the Class Period.

214. Teva’s conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they

would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

215. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

216. This claim is instituted pursuant to sections 17203 and 17204 of the California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from Teva for acts that violated the UCL, as described above.

217. Plaintiff and the class are entitled to full restitution and disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that Teva may have obtained as a result of its efforts to suppress generic Copaxone, or as a result of its efforts to mislead patients and providers regarding the relative efficacy or safety of generic Copaxone. Plaintiff and the class are also entitled to all other appropriate relief under the UCL.

***District of Columbia:***

218. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

219. D.C.'s Consumer Protection Procedures Act (the "CPPA") prohibits unlawful, unfair, and deceptive conduct. D.C. CODE § 28-3901, *et seq.* (the "CPPA").

220. Teva's anticompetitive conduct, which is described above—and which included, among other things, Teva's exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its disparagement of generic competition, and its DAW scheme—violated D.C.'s antitrust laws, and therefore also violated the CPPA's unlawful prong. D.C. CODE § 28-3905(k)(1)(A).

221. Independent of any antitrust violations, Teva's conduct also violated the CPPA's unfairness prong, because it constituted an unfair business practice, or otherwise violated D.C.'s public policy.

222. Teva also violated the CPPA's deceptive prong in that (among other thing) the company disparaged its generic competition.

223. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

224. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

225. Teva—whose entire business is centered on the sale of drugs for use by consumers—is a “merchant” within the meaning of the CPPA. D.C. CODE § 28- 3901(a)(3).

226. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone within the District of Columbia

227. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name

Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

228. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

229. Plaintiff and members of the class are entitled to seek all forms of relief under the CPPA, including treble damages or \$1500 per CPPA violation (whichever is greater), plus punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* D.C. CODE § 28-3905(k)(2).

***Florida:***

230. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

231. The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (the "FDUTPA") prohibits "unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." FLA STAT. § 501.204(1).

232. Teva engaged in unfair methods of competition by (among other things) suppressing competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, which it did by entering into agreements with PBMs to exclude generic Copaxone from formularies; convincing specialty pharmacies to ignore DAW prescriptions and to dispense brand Copaxone; and by engaging in a campaign to falsely disparage the relative efficacy of generic Copaxone.

233. Teva also violated the FDUTPA's deceptive prong by, among other things, falsely disparaging its generic competition.

234. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

235. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

236. During the Class Period, Teva and the class purchased Copaxone in Florida.

237. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

238. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

239. In light of the above, Plaintiff and members of the class are entitled to seek all forms of relief under the FDUTPA, including injunctive relief pursuant to Florida Statute § 501.208, as

well as a declaratory judgment, actual damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. *See* FLA. STAT. § 501.211.

***Hawaii:***

240. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

241. Hawaii's Unfair and Deceptive Acts or Trade Practices Act prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." HAW. REV. STAT. § 480-2.

242. Hawaii's Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act prohibits Defendants from (among other things) "[d]isparag[ing] the goods, services, or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact." HAW. REV. STAT. § 481A-3(8); *see also id.* at (5), (7), (12).

243. Teva's anticompetitive efforts to suppress generic Copaxone, which are described above, constituted an unfair method of competition, or an unfair trade practice, under Hawaii's Unfair and Deceptive Acts or Trade Practices Act.

244. Teva's false or misleading statements regarding generic Copaxone (among other thing), which are also described above, constituted disparagement, false advertising, etc., under Hawaii's Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

245. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

246. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.



247. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Hawaii.

248. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

249. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

250. In light of the above, Plaintiff and members of the class are entitled to seek all available relief under Hawaii's consumer-protection laws, including actual damages, treble damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), injunctive relief, attorneys fees, costs, etc.

***Idaho:***

251. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

252. The Idaho Consumer Protection Act (the "ICPA") prohibits "unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts and practices in the conduct of trade or commerce,"

IDAHO CODE §§ 48-601, which includes, among other things, “[d]isparaging the goods . . . of another by false or misleading representation of fact,” IDAHO CODE § 48-603(8); *see also id.* at (7), (17), (18). Idaho also prohibits “any unconscionable method, act or practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” IDAHO CODE § 48-603C.

253. Teva’s anticompetitive efforts to limit the availability of generic Copaxone, which are described above—and which included, among other things, exclusionary agreements with PBMs; efforts to circumvent DAW requirements; and falsely disparaging generic competition—constitute an unfair method of competition, or an unconscionable practice, under the ICPA. By disparaging its generic competition (among other thing), Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the ICPA.

254. Teva intentionally engaged in the above conduct in order to inhibit generic competition. As noted above, Teva’s own documents, which are detailed in the Congressional report described above, indicate that its suppression of generic Copaxone was part of an intentional, long-running, focused effort by the company to preserve branded Copaxone sales and prices, even after the loss of Teva’s patent exclusivity.

255. Teva’s alleged conduct—which forced sufferers of multiple sclerosis to overpay for their medication—would outrage or offend the public conscious.

256. Teva’s conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable personspersons, including Plaintiff and the class.

257. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Idaho.

258. Teva’s conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the

merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

259. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

260. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are entitled to seek actual damages, along with any other form of relief that the Court deems proper under the ICPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, costs, injunctive relief, etc. *See* IDAHO CODE § 48-608.

***Illinois:***

261. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

262. The Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (the "ICFA") prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices." 815 ILL. COMP. STAT. 505/2.

263. Teva's anticompetitive efforts to limit the availability of generic Copaxone, which are described above—and which included, among other things, exclusionary agreements with

PBMs; efforts to circumvent DAW requirements; and falsely disparaging generic competition—constitute an unfair method of competition, or an unfair practice, under the ICFA. By disparaging its generic competition (among other thing), Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the ICFA.

264. Teva intentionally engaged in the above conduct in order to inhibit generic competition. As noted above, Teva’s own documents, which are detailed in the Congressional report described above, indicate that its suppression of generic Copaxone was part of an intentional, long-running, focused effort by the company to preserve branded Copaxone sales and prices, even after the loss of Teva’s patent exclusivity.

265. Teva’s conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

266. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Illinois.

267. Teva’s conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva’s efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva’s false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

268. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

269. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are entitled to seek actual damages, along with any other form of relief that the Court deems proper under the ICFA, including actual damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, costs, injunctive relief, etc. *See* 815 ILL. COMP. STAT. 505/10a.

***Kansas:***

270. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

271. Among other things, the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (the "KCPA") prohibits "deceptive" and "unconscionable act[s] or practice in connection with a consumer transaction." KAN. STAT. §§ 50-626, 50-627.

272. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unconscionable practices under the KCPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act—including the disparagement of another's products—by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

273. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

274. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

275. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Kansas.

276. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

277. At the time that Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone, the price of branded Copaxone grossly exceeded the price of generic Copaxone, as noted above.

278. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

279. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all forms of relief available under the KCPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, and costs. *See* KAN. STAT. § 50-634.

***Maine:***

280. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

281. Maine's Unfair Trade Practices Act ("MUTPA") prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." ME. REV. STAT. tit. 5, § 207.

282. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair methods of competition under the MUTPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

283. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

284. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

285. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Maine.

286. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand

Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

287. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

288. Given the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all forms of relief available under the MUTPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), restitution, injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, costs, etc. ME. REV. STAT. tit. 5, § 213.

***Massachusetts:***

289. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

290. The Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act (the "MaCPA") prohibits "unfair or deceptive act or practice." MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 93A, § 9(2).

291. Teva's anticompetitive scheme to suppress generic Copaxone, which is described above, constituted an unfair act or practice under the MaCPA.

292. Teva's efforts to falsely denigrate generic Copaxone (among other thing), as described above, constituted a deceptive act or practice under the MaCPA.

293. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

294. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.



295. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and members of the class purchased glatiramer acetate within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

296. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

297. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

298. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all forms of relief under the MaCPA, including actual damages, treble damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 93A § 9(3A).

***Michigan:***

299. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

300. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act (the "MiCPA") prohibits "Unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce."

MICH. COMP. LAWS § 445.903(1). Among other things, this includes “[c]harging the consumer a price that is grossly in excess of the price at which similar property or services are sold” (*id.* at (z)), as well as “[d]isparaging the goods . . . of another by false or misleading representation of fact” (*id.* at (f)).

301. Teva’s anticompetitive conduct, which is described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), and which inhibited competition in the Copaxone market, constituted an unfair or unconscionable method, act, or practice under the MiCPA. By disparaging its generic competition (among other thing), Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the MiCPA.

302. Teva’s conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

303. Teva’s conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

304. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Michigan.

305. Teva’s conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva’s efforts

to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

306. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

307. Given the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all forms of relief available under the MiCPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), and injunctive relief. *See* MICH. COMP. LAWS § 445.911.

***Minnesota:***

308. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

309. Under Minnesota's Deceptive Trade Practices Act (the "MDTPA"), it is illegal to "disparage the goods . . . of another by false or misleading representation of fact," or to "represent[] that goods . . . have . . . characteristics, . . . uses, [or] benefits . . . that they do not have." MINN. STAT. § 325D.44(8), (5); *see also id.* at (7), (11), (13). Under Minnesota's Consumer Fraud Act, it is illegal to employ "misleading statement[s] or deceptive practice[s]" in the sale of a good. MINN. STAT. § 325F.69.

310. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute violations of Minnesota's consumer-protection laws. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under these laws by (among other thing) disparaging its generic competition.

311. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

312. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

313. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Minnesota.

314. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

315. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

316. In light of the above, Plaintiff and members of the class are seeking all forms of relief under Minnesota's consumer-protection statutes, including actual damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

***Montana:***

317. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

318. Montana's Consumer Protection Act of 1970 (the "MtCPA") prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." MONT. CODE § 30-14-103.

319. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair methods of competition under the MtCPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act by (among other thing) disparaging its generic competition.

320. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

321. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

322. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Montana.

323. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name

Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

324. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

325. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class seeks all available relief under the MtCPA, including actual damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), injunctive relief, and all other forms of relief that the Court deems necessary and/or appropriate.

***Nebraska:***

326. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

327. Nebraska's Consumer Protection Act prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." NEB. REV. STAT. § 59-1602. Nebraska's Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act makes it illegal to (among other things) "disparages the goods, services, or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact." NEB. REV. STAT. § 87-302(9); *see also id.* at (5), (6), (8), (22)(ii).

328. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair methods of competition under Nebraska's consumer-protection laws. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under these laws—including

the disparagement of another's products—by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

329. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

330. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

331. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Nebraska.

332. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

333. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

334. Given the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all forms of relief available under Nebraska’s consumer-protection statutes, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), injunctive relief, attorneys’ fees, costs, and all other relief the Court deems necessary and/or appropriate. *See* NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 59-1609, 59-1614.

***Nevada:***

335. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

336. Nevada’s Deceptive Trade Practices Act (the “NDTPA”) makes it illegal (among other things) to “[d]isparages the goods . . . of another . . . by false or misleading representation of fact,” and to “[f]raudulently alter[] any contract . . . or other document in connection with the sale . . . of goods.” NEV. REV. STAT. § 598.0915(8), (14); *see also id.* at (5), (7), (15). Nevada also makes it illegal to “[m]ake[] an assertion of scientific, clinical or quantifiable fact in an advertisement” without being able to “substantiate the assertion” with “scientific . . . evidence.” NEV. REV. STAT. § 598.0925(1)(a).

337. Teva’s efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute deceptive trade practices under the NDTPA (its DAW campaign, for example, constituted the fraudulent alteration of prescriptions). Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act—including the disparagement of another’s products—by (among other things) falsely denigrating its generic competition, and by making unsubstantiated, scientific assertions regarding the relative inefficacy of generic Copaxone.

338. Teva’s conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-



acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class Plaintiff and member of the class.

339. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

340. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Nevada.

341. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

342. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

343. Given the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all forms of relief available under the NDTA, including actual damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation. *See e.g.*, NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 598.0993, 598.099.

*New Hampshire:*

344. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

345. New Hampshire's Consumer Protection Act (the "NHCPA") prohibits any "unfair method of competition or any unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce." N.H. REV. STAT. § 358-A:2; *see also id.* at (V), (VII), (VIII).

346. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair methods of competition under NHCPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act—including the disparagement of another's products—by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

347. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the Class.

348. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

349. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in New Hampshire.

350. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name

Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

351. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

352. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all forms of relief available under NHCPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, treble damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, and costs. *See* N.H. REV. STAT. §§ 358-A:10(I), 358-A:10-a(I).

***New Mexico:***

353. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

354. New Mexico's Unfair Trade Practices Act (the "NMUTPA") prohibits "[u]nfair or deceptive trade practices and unconscionable trade practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." N.M. STAT. § 57-12-3.

355. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair methods of competition under the NMUTPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

356. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

357. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

358. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in New Mexico.

359. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

360. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

361. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under NMUTPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, treble damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, and costs. *See* N.M. STAT. § 57-12-10.

***New York:***

362. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

363. New York's General Business Law prohibits "[d]eceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce." N.Y. GEN. BUS. LAW § 349(a), (g); N.Y. GEN. BUS. LAW § 350 (prohibiting false advertising).

364. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute deceptive acts or practices under the GBL.

365. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

366. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

367. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in New York.

368. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts

to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

369. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

370. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under the GBL, including actual damages, treble damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), reasonable attorneys', costs, and injunctive relief.

***North Carolina:***

371. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

372. North Carolina's Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (the "NCUDTPA") prohibits "Unfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce." N.C. GEN. STAT. § 75-1.1(a).

373. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair methods of competition under the NCUDTPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

374. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

375. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

376. Teva's conduct constituted consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of North Carolina law, which resulted in consumer injury and a broad adverse impact on the public at large, and which harmed the public interest of North Carolina consumers in an honest marketplace where economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner.

377. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in North Carolina.

378. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

379. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

380. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under the NCUDTPA, including actual damages, treble damages, attorneys' fees, costs, punitive damages (to the extent available), and injunctive relief. *See* N.C. GEN. STAT. §§ 75-1.1, 75-16.1.

***Oregon:***

381. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

382. The Oregon Unfair Trade Practices Act (the "OUTPA") prohibits "unconscionable tactic[s] in connection with selling . . . goods." OR. REV. STAT. § 646.607.

383. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute "unconscionable tactics" under the OUTPA. Teva also engaged in false advertisement under the act by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

384. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

385. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

386. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Oregon.

387. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then



generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

388. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

389. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under the OUTPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* OR. REV. STAT. § 646.638.

***Rhode Island:***

390. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

391. Rhode Island's Deceptive Trade Practices Act (the "RIDTPA") prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-13.1-2.

392. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair practices under the RIDTPA. Teva also

engaged in deceptive conduct under the act by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

393. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

394. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

395. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Oregon.

396. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

397. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

398. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under the OUTPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* R.I. GEN LAWS § 6-13.1-5.2.

***South Carolina:***

399. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

400. South Carolina's Unfair Trade Practices Act (the "SCUTPA") prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." S.C. CODE §§ 39-5-20.

401. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair methods of competition under the SCUTPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the act by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

402. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

403. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

404. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in South Carolina.

405. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the

merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

406. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

407. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under the SCUTPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), treble damages, attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* S.C. CODE § 39-5-140.

***South Dakota:***

408. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

409. The South Dakota Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act (the "SDCPA") prohibits any "deceptive act or practice . . . in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise." S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 37-24-6.

410. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute deceptive acts or practices under the SDCPA.

411. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

412. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

413. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in South Dakota.

414. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

415. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

416. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under the SDCPA, including actual damages and injunctive relief. *See* S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 37-24-31.

***Utah:***

417. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

418. The Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act (the “UCSPA”) prohibits “deceptive and unconscionable sales practices.” UTAH STAT. §§ 13-11-2(2), 13-11-2. Utah’s Unfair Practices Act (the “UUPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition in commerce or trade.” UTAH CODE § 13-5-2.5(1).

419. Teva’s efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unconscionable and unfair practices under the UCSPA and the UUPA. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the acts by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

420. Teva’s conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

421. Teva’s conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

422. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Utah.

423. Teva’s conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they

would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

424. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

425. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under the UCSPA and the UUPA, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* UTAH CODE §§ 13-11-19(5), 13-11-20.

***Vermont:***

426. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

427. Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition in commerce and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in commerce." VT. STAT. tit. 9, § 2453.

428. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair practices under § 2453. Teva also engaged in deceptive practices under the statute by (among other thing) falsely denigrating its generic competition.

429. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

430. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

431. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Vermont.

432. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

433. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

434. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under Vermont's consumer-protection statute, including actual damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.



***Virginia:***

435. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

436. The Virginia Consumer Protection Act (the “VCPA”) prohibits, among other things, “deception . . . in connection with a consumer transaction.” VA. CODE § 59.1-200.

437. Teva’s efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair and deceptive practices under the VCPA.

438. Teva’s conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

439. Teva’s conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

440. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Virginia.

441. Teva’s conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva’s efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand

Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

442. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

443. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under Vermont's consumer-protection statute, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* VA. CODE § 59.1-204.

***West Virginia:***

444. Plaintiff incorporates each allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

445. The West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act (the "WVCCPA"), prohibits, *inter alia*, "unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." W. VA. CODE § 46A-6-104.

446. Teva's efforts to inhibit generic Copaxone, which are described above (e.g., its exclusionary agreements with PBMs, its efforts to circumvent DAW requirements, and its denigration of generic competition), constitute unfair and deceptive practices under the VCPA.

447. Teva's conduct was intentional, i.e., it entered into exclusionary agreements, and falsely deprecated generic Copaxone, in order to suppress generic competition in the glatiramer-acetate market, and with the express purpose of misleading Plaintiff and members of the class.

448. Teva's conduct did deceive and would have deceived reasonable persons, including Plaintiff and the class.

449. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and/or members of the class purchased Copaxone in Virginia.

450. Teva's conduct was the proximate cause of injuries to Plaintiff and the class, namely in the form of overcharges for glatiramer acetate. For example, had Teva competed on the merits instead of unlawfully maintaining its monopoly in the glatiramer-acetate market, then generic Copaxone would have been more readily available to Plaintiff and the class, and they would have substituted this lower-priced generic Copaxone for the higher-priced brand-name Copaxone, or paid substantially less for brand-name Copaxone (because an increased generic presence would have exerted downward price pressure on brand prices). Relatedly, Teva's efforts to denigrate generic Copaxone allowed the company to charge a price premium for brand Copaxone; i.e., as a result of Teva's false statements, Plaintiff and the class had to pay more for brand Copaxone than that product was actually worth.

451. Because Copaxone is purchased on an ongoing basis, to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, there is a high probability that Plaintiff will suffer injury in the future, as a result of Teva's conduct.

452. In light of the above, Plaintiff and the class are seeking all available forms of relief under Vermont's consumer-protection statute, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages (to the extent available), attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief. *See* W. VA. CODE § 46A-6-106.

**CLAIM III:  
VIOLATION OF SHERMAN ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 2  
DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

453. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all previous allegations of fact as though fully set forth herein.

454. As set forth in the Counts above, Defendants have violated Section 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2.

455. Plaintiffs request that the Court grant injunctive relief pursuant to Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S. C. § 26 as may be necessary and appropriate to restore competition in the market for glatiramer acetate.

#### **XIV. DEMAND FOR JUDGMENT**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of themselves and the class of all others similarly situated, respectfully request judgment against the Defendants as follows:

456. The Court determine that this action may be maintained as a class action under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, appoint Plaintiff as class representatives and their counsel of record as class counsel, and direct that notice of this action, as provided by Rule 23(c)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, be given to the class, once certified;

457. The unlawful conduct alleged herein be adjudged and decreed in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2 and the listed state antitrust laws, unfair competition laws, state consumer protection laws, and common law;

458. Plaintiff and the class recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed under the applicable laws, and that a joint and several judgment in favor of Plaintiff and members of the class be entered in an amount to be trebled to the extent such laws permit;

459. The Court grant permanent injunctive relief: a. enjoining the Defendants from continuing their illegal conduct; b. enjoining the Defendants from engaging in future anticompetitive conduct with the purpose or effect of delaying the entry of generic glatiramer acetate or other generic drugs;

460. The Court Grant Plaintiff and the proposed class equitable relief in the nature of disgorgement and restitution;

461. Plaintiff and the members of the proposed class be awarded pre- and post- judgment interest as provided by law, and that such interest be awarded at the highest legal rate from and after the date of service of this complaint;

462. Plaintiff and members of the proposed class recover their costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as provided by law; and

463. Plaintiff and members of the proposed class be awarded such other and further relief as the case may require and the Court may deem just and proper.

#### **XV. JURY DEMAND**

464. Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff, on behalf of themselves and the proposed class, demand a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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